

“Growing Up at the Beach”

the Diaries of

Young David Arthur Nichols

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DAVID NICHOLS AS A BABY AT LINCOLNVILLE BEACH

The three girls in the picture below are us, the three nieces of David Nichols. When cleaning out his house after he died, we found seven diaries that our uncle had written when he was a young boy growing up at Lincolnville Beach, Maine. Since we enjoyed reading what he observed, we thought others might enjoy reading it, too.

For folks who have ever lived near the Beach, the entries might bring back familiar names and memories or they might ask questions that start one to thinking. For those who have never lived at the Beach, the entries might just give a snapshot of another time and place; a time of simple pleasures.



LEFT TO RIGHT: DANA MAGEE, MEREDITH MAGEE MARCINKEWICZ, GEORGE E. NICHOLS, RUTH FLORA NICHOLS MAGEE, MARCIA ROSE MAGEE BURWELL, DAVID ARTHUR NICHOLS, DIANE RUTH MAGEE DOUGLAS AT THANKSGIVING IN 1954.



GEORGE EDWARD NICHOLS, FLORA PILLSBURY NICHOLS, AND THEIR CHILDREN; RUTH AND DAVID. UNFORTUNATELY, FLORA DIED FOLLOWING CHILDBIRTH IN 1921 AND THAT BABY DID NOT SURVIVE.

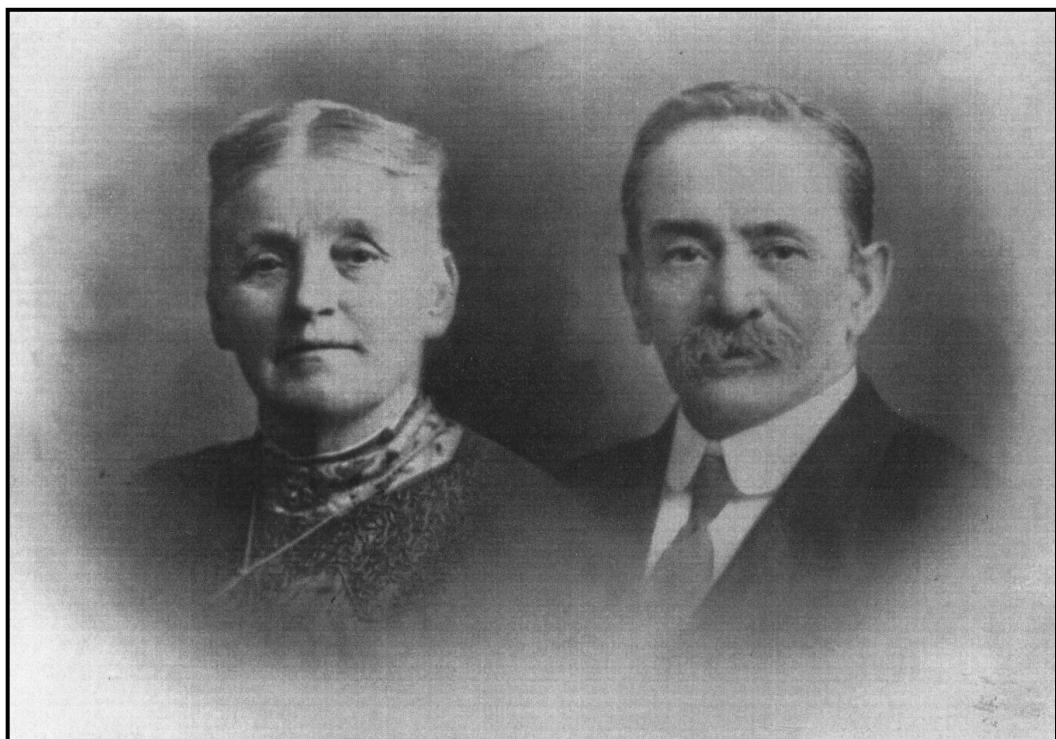
When the diaries began, David and his widowed father George and his little sister Ruth (our mother) were living at Lincolnville Beach up over the Nichols Garage, which is the present Beach Store. #2520 Atlantic Highway.

At the time, Flora's sister, Aunt Lizzie lived there too, to help take care of George and the children.

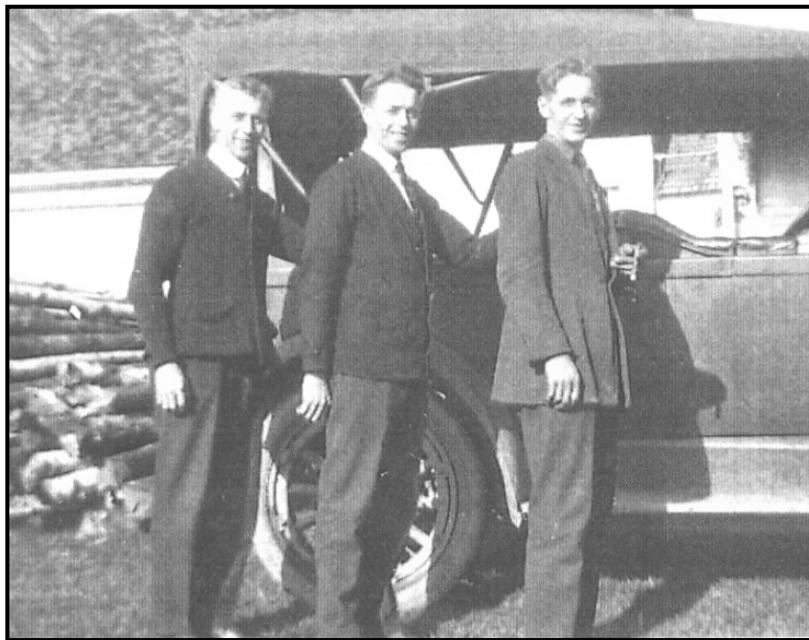
Aunt Lizzie and the children's mother, Flora, their Aunt Rose, Uncle Walter, Uncle Ed and Uncle Gladstone all grew up at the Pillsbury Farm on Route One, about a mile and a half south of the Beach. It would have been at about #2240 Atlantic Highway, but had been empty for too long and was torn down in the 1990's. You can read more about the farm in a booklet for sale at the Lincolnville Historical Society.



THE PILLSBURY FARM



OUR PILLSBURY GREAT-GRANDPARENTS – ROSEANNA AND EDGAR



THE PILLSBURY BROTHERS – WALTER, ED, GLADSTONE



THE PILLSBURY SISTERS - FLORA, LIZZIE, AND ROSE, WITH MOTHER IN FRONT

THE STYLE OF THE DIARIES

The diaries were written carefully in cursive, in composition books. All of the entries began on a new line, and many started a new page. They were correctly labeled with the day of the week and the full date. They often told the weather and told about visitors or chores or school. They told what kinds of games were played and with whom they were played. A more mature hand seems to have edited some of the spellings and perhaps it was Aunt Lizzie overseeing the daily writing exercise.

Although there were entries for every day of the year, after the first few months, we chose to transcribe entries that were unusual or particularly interesting in some way. We listed names of people who were visited and people who came visiting. We listed the titles of books he read since this gave a picture of what kind of books young boys were reading in the 1920's. We kept David's sentence formation, punctuation, and spelling. David's entries will be shown in regular print with our notes and questions shown in italics.

As we read through the original diaries, we were curious about the identity of many of the names and places that were mentioned. Diane O'Brien of Lincolnville Historical Society helped to identify many of the people and places and Cousin Leslie LeBlanc added explanations about certain traditions. Lavonne Frohock Bell, Bob Willis, Carol Gardner and Tom Flagg also added a few details. As a result of other research with Connie Parker at the Lincolnville Historical Society, we created a list showing who lived in each beach house over the years. This helped us understand what was happening and it might help other readers, too. That list has been printed under a separate cover and is available for sale at the Lincolnville Historical Society.

BEYOND THIS SET OF WRITINGS

As a teenager, David A. Nichols sold magazines to help earn his way to college. He grew up to be active in the Republican Party and he served in the Air Force Weather Service during World War II. He attended Bates College in Maine for his Bachelor's Degree and earned his Masters at the University of Michigan. He became a lawyer, with an office in Camden. Later he was appointed Judge in the Maine Judicial System, working in Rockland. David served as Lincolnville Town Moderator for nearly a quarter of a century. He collected books on history and genealogy. David never married and his living expenses were small. He spent money on various charities and on students who needed help with their school expenses.

As we read the diaries, it seemed that David's interests were not typical of someone who would grow up to be a Lincolnville farmer or fisherman or garage mechanic. As you read, you might see what clues of his future life you can find in the early writings of David Arthur Nichols.

Meredith, Diane, and Marcia

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DAVID AND RUTH WITH CART

Saturday June 28, 1924 It was foggy this morning. But it is clearing off. And after breakfast we went out to play with our new cart. I did my chores too, and played in the sand all afternoon. We went out to play after supper till sunset.

Thus begins a series of composition books, filled with daily entries done with pencil in very good cursive writing and with very good spelling. Not so unusual except that the author was only six years old when the diaries began.

1924

Sunday June 29, 1924 We had our bath this morning And I tried some new clothes Then I did my chores After dinner I drew stencils.

We know that dinner was the noon-time meal and supper was in the evening. Although we're sure it could not have been an unusual occurrence, this is the only time in the first diary that David mentioned having a bath.

Monday June 30, 1924 Then went out to play in the afternoon on the shore. I was out till ten minutes of bedtime.

It's obvious that the time of going to bed is more important than the numbers on the clock.

Tuesday July 1, 1924 In the afternoon we went over and played with Richard and Carolyn Hopkins at their Grandma Carver's.

These playmates appear in the first diary more than any others. Carolyn was about the age of David's sister Ruth and Richard may have been closer to David's age. They lived in what is now the Whale's Tooth Pub. # 2531 Atlantic Highway



CARVER TOURIST NEST

Thursday July 3, 1924 We threw in slabs and Mary Flagg helped us. I played with my pistols, and did some errands for Daddy up to Mr. Ames and Mr. Ralph Richards.

We were very curious as to what this throwing of slabs was. He does it again on 7/7/24 and on 7/9/24 he said he finished throwing slabs. Diane O'Brien suggested that they may have been slabs of trees that had been cut for firewood and needed to be thrown into a storage area.

Mr. Ames is mentioned frequently in the journals. Orrin Ames and his son Russell Ames lived at the end of the lane just north of the Beach, #2541 Atlantic Highway. Orrin was a boat builder and once ran a ferry to Isleboro. He or his son also did blacksmith work among other trades.

Ralph Richards was the mailman and lived at #18 Beach Road.

Friday July 4, 1924 It is sunny today Daddy took Aunt Lizzie, Sister, and I for a long ride. We went to Unity Pond We rode 89 7/10 miles. After supper Aunt Lizzie Sister and I went for a walk down to Jessie and Angie Drinkwater, And was out till nearly 8 o'clock.

The Drinkwaters lived at what is now #2419 Atlantic Highway – Mainely Antiques. No mention of Fourth of July was made, but perhaps it is a significant day since George left the garage all day on a weekday. There also may have been special activities at Unity Pond that David just did not mention.

Saturday July 5, 1924 We went in wading for the first time this year. This afternoon Uncle Walter, Aunt Winnie and Laurence were here for a short call.

These were Pillsbury relatives who later lived in Billerica MA. Walter was a brother to David's mother and Aunt Lizzie. Laurence was their son.

Sunday July 6, 1924 It is pleasant today. Did chores. Then went outdoors to play.

In this first diary there is seldom mention of attending church on Sundays, but doing chores is mentioned almost every day. Some specific jobs are mentioned, but there is no explanation of what David's regular daily chores were.

Thursday July 10, 1924 Virginia Clayter played with us in the afternoon. After supper we went for a walk on the shore over to the Point with Aunt Lizzie. We was out till past bedtime.

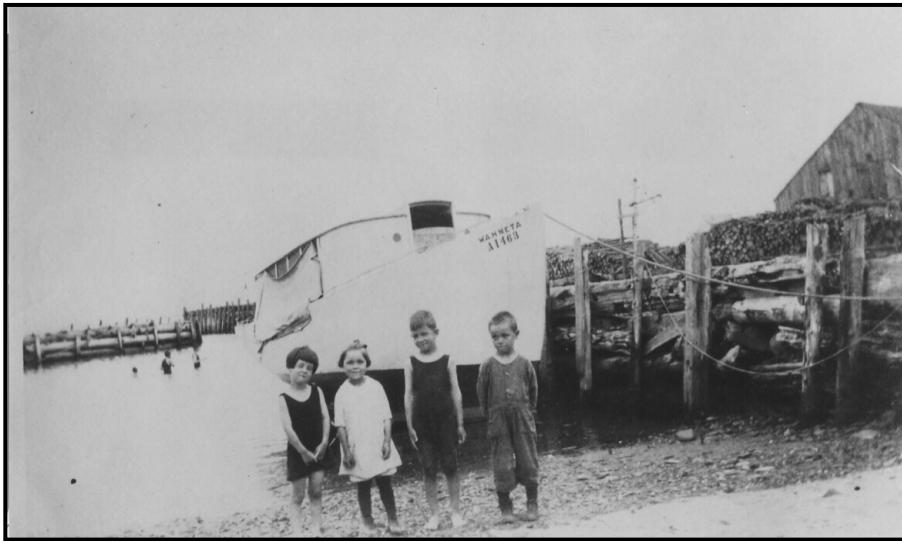
Virginia lived in what is now Sleepy Hollow on Beach Road and she married a Bickford. Diane O'Brien suggested that the Point might be the spot south of the Beach where the steam boat once came in.

Sunday July 13, 1924 It is rainy today. Edna Collemer came in to play with us this morning. Then in the after-noon, we played with our puzzles.

There were many Collemers. Edna lived in the house three buildings north of the inland side of the brook, at the chicken farm, #2540 Atlantic Highway. Her brother Stanton and mother, Mrs. Frank Collemer are mentioned in later entries.

Monday July 14, 1924 Mrs. Hopkins telephoned to see if we could come over and play with Richard and Carolyn and we did and had a good time. I had a package from Aunt Rose, she sent me a bathing suit, and a book of Washington views, and Sister a bathing cap.

It's interesting to note that the Beach families were making good use of telephones by 1924. We wonder why Rose sent these items when she only lived a few miles down the road. Perhaps she had been to Washington on a trip.



*CAROLYN HOPKINS, RUTH, DICK, AND DAVID NICHOLS
IN FROHOCK BROOK*

Wed. July 16, 1924 It is pleasant. Today Mrs. McAphee brought me down a rainy day tracing book. Daddy was gone all day so Aunt Lizzie let us eat dinner on the shore. Then we played on the sand. Later Mrs. Pray came up and asked Sister and I to go home with her to supper and we had a fine time. She brought us home about seven o'clock.

McAphee is not necessarily a Beach family name and may have been a summer visitor. We wonder if George expected a formal family dinner at noon on work days so it was a treat to have dinner on the shore.

Mrs. Pray was probably Mrs. Dan Pray, south of the beach on the ocean side, #2429 Atlantic Highway. At ages four and six, David and Ruth must have been well thought of to be allowed to go off on their own best behavior with a neighbor for supper.

Friday July 18, 1924 It is good weather today. We hauled driftwood from the shore in our new cart for kinderlin today. We had a shower at suppertime.

David often mentions hauling driftwood or gathering kindling or filling the wood box. He may have been getting it from wherever he "threw the slabs." Since this was July, we assume this was for a wood cook stove and not for heating the apartment.

Saturday July 19, 1924 We went to Carolyn Hopkins birthday party she will be 5 years old tomorrow. We went for a walk and called on Mrs. Heal and then on Miss Nina Matthews. When we came back Daddy took us to Camden. Miss Matthews came with us.

There were many Healds in the area.

In 1930 Nina Matthews lived at #2533 Atlantic Highway.



*MISS MATTHEW'S HOUSE
NOW THE BEACH HOUSE SUITES*

Sunday July 20, 1924 Another pleasant day. Filled the woodbox. Went for the milk. Learned the second verse of the Star Spangled Banner. After dinner we went to church. Mr. Hold was the minister. After supper went with Aunt Lizzie and Sister to call on Mrs. McCobb.

David was often given a memorizing exercise on Sunday. A Rev. Holt was a visiting summer preacher and may have been the one they heard. Someone told us that a Mary McCobb, Mrs. Will McCobb, lived a ways up Beach Road and may have been the one mentioned. We could not verify which house this was at.



BAYSHORE BAPTIST CHURCH

Thursday July 24, 1924 Sister and I went to Rockland with Aunt Alice and Uncle Ben, and the fisherman. After dinner we played in the yard.

Aunt Alice was a Nichols aunt of George's.

We wonder where the yard was, in front, in back, or beside the house. Some old pictures show flat land behind the beach front buildings. The brook may have changed course or eroded, or had fill added to change the landscape over the years.



AERIAL VIEW OF BEACH AREA

Friday July 25, 1924 After supper Daddy took Aunt Lizzie, Aunt Alice, Uncle Ben, Sister and I for a ride out to Lincolnville Center. On our way home we stopped at the farm and I staid all night.

David and others used the term "out" when describing a location nearer to Lincolnville Center. There were several occasions when David would stay all night at the farm.

Saturday July 26, 1924 Played all forenoon at the farm. In afternoon Aunt Rose walked up home with me and she had supper with us and staid all night.

The farm is about a mile and a half from the Beach and a comfortable walk downhill on a nice day. The buildings are gone now, but the site is across from Abbington's Cottages and you can still see where the semi-circular drive was.

Many people came and stayed the night with the young Nichols family. Aunt Rose may particularly have enjoyed spending time with her niece and nephew and also keeping her sister Lizzie company. Looking at the size of the building where they lived in an apartment over the garage, one must imagine sharing beds and sleeping on couches, perhaps not comfortable, but probably cozy.

Wednesday July 30, 1924 Went over to Mr. Dearborn's after the milk.

Mr. Dearborn had a store at about #2504 Atlantic Highway, just south of the present Spouter Inn. This would have been just a short walk for young David to take all by himself.



DEARBORN'S STORE

Friday August 1, 1924 After dinner did some arithmetic before going to play on the shore. First time we had done lessons since we had whooping cough and had to leave school early in May.

This entry brings up several questions. How severe was whooping cough in 1924? Perhaps both of the children had it and it may have been contagious and so they weren't wanted back at school with other possible cases. Also - responsibility for instruction in the three R's often may have been left to the woman of the household who could work on letters and numbers before the children even started school.

According to Town Reports, there were three terms of school; spring, fall, and winter. In 1930 the Superintendent tried to convince voters to increase the school year to 36 weeks, so it must have been even less than that in 1924. Other school lessons were probably done at home according to the understanding of the mothers. We wonder if Aunt Lizzie felt the oncoming of fall classes once the calendar changed to August and may have thought that she better start reviewing so David wouldn't be left behind.

Sunday August 3, 1924 Just before dinner went down to the farm when Stanley Collemer went after water. And I staid till after dinner then Aunt Lizzie and Sister came down, and I came home with her. After supper we went for a walk and called on Mrs. Frank Duncan.

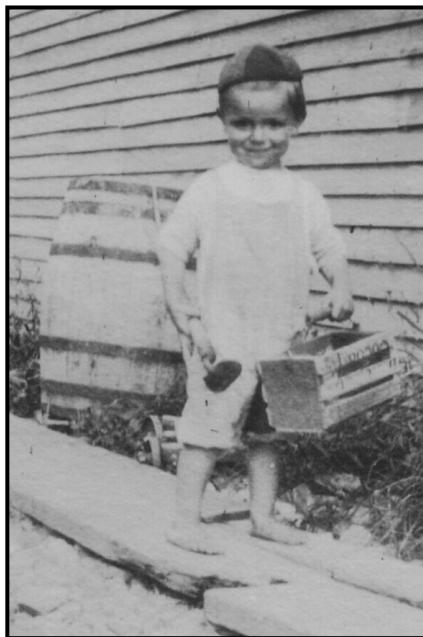
We wonder if the folks at the Beach did not have good drinking water and the Nichols and others went to the Pillsbury Farm to get their water from a well. There were many more notes about Daddy going to the farm get water.

The mention of Stanley Collemer may have been an incorrect naming of Stanton Collemer. Amanda Duncan lived south of the Beach at #2460 Atlantic Highway.

Wed. August 6, 1924 Pleasant weather. Filled wood-box. Went after milk. For my birthday I got three handkerchiefs, hair brush and comb, a monkey that climbs a string, some clay I can make things with. For supper I had a birthday cake with candy and candles on it.

David does not mention whether he was pleased or disappointed with his gifts and dessert.

Sunday August 10, 1924 Another pleasant day. Did chores. Had a Sunday School lesson. Then we had company, Mrs. Willis Young and her children. In the afternoon we played in under the steps.



YOUNG DAVID PLAYING NEAR THE STEPS

Monday August 11, 1924 After-supper we went down to Camden to a merry-go-round.

We assume there was some sort of traveling entertainment and not a merry-go-round that was always there, but it could just have been a playground area.

Friday August 15, 1924 After-supper we had company, Aroline Pitman and we staid up to hear the radio.

Sunday August 17, 1924 Had a Sunday School lesson then we had company Aunt Nell and Uncle Howard. Later Aunt Rose came. After-dinner we took our company and went for a ride over to Thomaston and saw the State Prison, and then came back to Rockland and saw the steepest lime quarry in the country. We saw the Fish Hatchery in Camden.

We are not sure who these relatives were. David was often taken for car rides. His father owned a garage and must have promoted automobile travel. Besides riding to call on friends and relatives, he often also mentions educational sites he has been shown.

Sunday August 24, 1924 After-dinner Aunt Lizzie, Sister and I walked down to the farm and Sister staid all night. After supper Aunt Lizzie and I rode up to call on Mrs. Frank Collemer then rode back down to Mrs. Eliza Hahn and called on her.

Lizzie was age 45 at this time and this walk to the farm was uphill. Nice walk with two youngsters. But, then what did they ride for these trips after supper?

Mrs. Eliza Hahn was aunt to the Collemers. At one time she lived at #2552 Atlantic Highway, north of Frohock Brook.

Mon. Sep. 1, 1924 Nice weather. Played most of the day at the farm. At suppertime I came home with the Durand's.

Who were the Durands? Someone to be trusted to carry a boy home.

Tue. Sep. 2, 1924 Nice weather. Did chores. Played most all day. In the after-noon played with Thomas Flagg at his house.

Tommy lived at the chicken farm just north of the Beach. After he married, Tommy lived in back, in the field behind Swanton Gallery and was still there when we visited him in 2004 at # 2562 Atlantic Highway



CHICKEN FARM BUILDINGS AS SEEN FROM ACROSS FLOODED BROOK

Mon. Sept. 8, 1924 Nice weather. School began today. My teacher was Mrs. Mahoney. Dorothy Stoddard ate her dinner here.

A different teacher was there in the spring term, Grace Mahoney was new for the Fall. She lived south of the Beach at # 2436 Atlantic Highway. Children had a long break at noontime. Those who lived too far to go home and come back probably made arrangements to eat with families who lived closer to the school. The Stoddards actually lived right at the Beach at the end of the long driveway, Overlook Road, so this might just have been a special treat to have lunch with a classmate.

Tue Sept 9, 1924 Went out to the garden with Daddy and then down to the farm with him for water before supper.

We wonder where the garden was. There had been no mention of the garden earlier in the season, but now it could have been time for harvesting some vegetables.

Fri Sept 12, 1924 After-supper went to the farm, Aunt Lizzie, Sister and I, as Aunt Rose had company for the evening, Mr. Wood and Mrs. Bailey.

The Mr. Wood was probably the principal of Camden High School and the Mrs. Bailey could be the teacher Leslie had in the 4th grade.

Mon. Sept.. 15, 1924 Nice weather. Went to school. At noon did chores. After school played in the yard.

On many school days David did his chores when he went home at noontime.



*BEACH SCHOOL
Photo taken in later years with Ruth in front.*

Fri. Sept. 19, 1924 After-school Frank C. Perry played with us in the house.

Frank Perry lived at #2669 Atlantic Highway, just north of what is now Mike's Repair Shop. He was the most decorated of any World War II soldiers from Lincolnville.

Sun Sept 21, 1924 Nice weather. Filled woodboxes then studied Psalm 121. After dinner went to church with Aunt Lizzie and Sister, after-that called on Mrs. Heald and Mrs. Warren. After supper we called on Mrs. Grace Mahoney, our teacher. Later we had company, Mrs. Frohock.

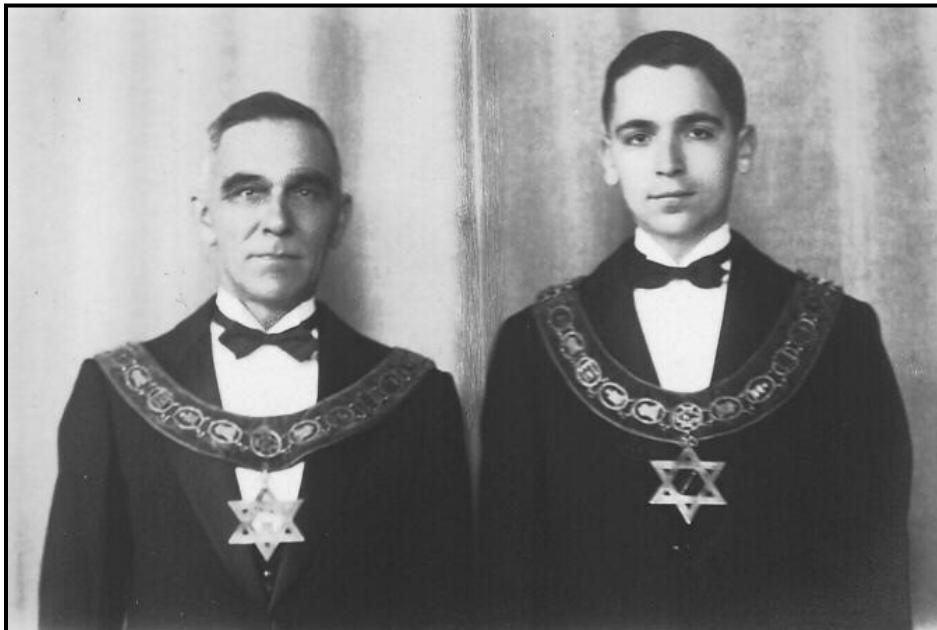
Gus (Augustus) and Alta Warren lived in the house right next door to the schoolhouse, #31 Beach Road. There were several branches of the Frohock family around at this time.

Mon. Sept. 22, 1924 Then we called on Miss Rose Harrington. and found Dr. Long and his wife here when we got home.

Dr. Long was probably the Camden dentist. Leslie didn't like him!

Wed. Sep. 24, 1924 In evening Daddy took Mr. and Mrs. Mahoney, Aunt Lizzie Sister and I to Camden and while Aunt Lizzie went to Rebekahs Aunt Rose took Sister and I to the movies with Harley and his mother.

The Rebekahs were the female branch of the Independent Order of Oddfellows. As an adult, David became a leader of the local IOOF, following in the footsteps of his father.



DAVID AND GEORGE IN IOOF REGALIA

Fri Sept. 26, 1924 Played on the sand after school. Edna Collemer played with us. After-supper staid up to hear the Radio. Had company Mr. and Mrs. Adin Hopkins and Arthur Oxten.
Arthur lived south of the Beach at # 2392 Atlantic Highway.

Sun. Sept. 18. 1924 Lost my first tooth.

It's unusual for a child to loose their first tooth at age seven. That's sort of a "late-blooming" thing to do nowadays. Was this more typical for a child in the 1920's ?

Sat. Sep. 27, 1924 We ate dinner on the shore. Harley and his mother, Mrs. Hopkins and her two children, Doris Knight, Raymond Oxton, and Harvey Flagg. After-dinner we played on the shore and in the yard.

Leslie remembered that Minnie Morrison and her son Harley lived in Camden on Free Street right behind the Congregational Church. She was very anemic. Leslie remembered being told that she had to eat a pound of RAW liver every day. Rose's maternal grandmother was an Alley and Minnie Morrison's maiden name was Alley, so they were probably cousins.

Tue Sept. 30, 1924 Mrs. Mahoney came and got this Diary to take out to the Fair.
She was putting the diary in some sort of competition.

Wed Oct 1, 1924 After dinner Stanton Collemer took Aunt Lizzie, Sister and I out to Lincolnville Fair.

Note that school was canceled on Lincolnville Fair Day.

Mon. Oct 6 and Tue Oct 7 Hauled kinderlin and played after dinner.
There is no mention of school.



RUTH AND DAVID NEAR POTENTIAL KINDLING

Sat. Oct. 11. 1924 In the evening had company Mrs. Fred Frohock and Mrs. Urina Griffin.

The lady referred to as Urina Griffin may have been the one Leslie remembered as Varina Griffin. He never saw the name spelled out. The two Griffin ladies lived at the "Red Barn" toward Camden. One of them was the wife of Dana Spaulding.

Sun. Oct. 12, 1924 Fine weather. Did chores. Then wrote in Diary. In after-noon Aunt Lizzie, Sister and I called over to see the Hopkins family. Just before 6 p.m. Daddy and Arthur Oxton returned from a week trip to Philadelphia. He brought me a little box with a key - also a big Lincoln penny, souvenir from Portland Me.

We wonder how David wrote in his diary in the forenoon, before all these events had occurred. Perhaps he only wrote every few days and had to catch up with what he missed.

The trip could have been related to politics or one of the fraternal organizations that George belonged to. Another possibility is that George could have been delivering or picking up a car for someone.

Wed Oct. 15, 1924 After I got home from school Bertha Carlson played with us. After supper wrote in Diary and did Arithmetic.

Mon. Oct. 20, 1924 In after-noon when we got home from school we played on the sidewalk with our reins.
We wonder what his reins were.

Tue Oct 21, 1924 Fine weather. Went to school both forenoon and after-noon. A school boy about my own age Albert Collemer played with me at noon.

Wed. Oct. 22, 1924 At noon I did chores and had to do a lot for I had not lately. In school this morning the teacher gave me a History to study.

During one period of American schooling, the main form of instruction was to have students memorize lessons and prepare to recite them. We wonder if David were given such a task to keep him busy while others were learning to read and write.

Thur. Oct 23, 1924 Went to school. At noon did chores and got a speck of something in my eye. In afternoon went to school and played in the house because of my eye. Daddy thought I had better stay in the house than in the wind.

Fri. Oct. 24, 1924 My eye still bothering. In the afternoon played in the yard, on the shore, and in the house. After supper had company Mrs. Joseph Stoddard and My School teacher.

The school teacher visited quite often. It's unclear whether these were school related visits, but we think they may have been just social calls.

Mon. Oct. 27, 1924 Lovely weather today. After breakfast brushed my teeth then got ready for school and went.

This is the first time David mentioned brushing his teeth, but we're sure it's not the first time he did it.

Tue. Oct 28, 1924 In afternoon Aunt Lizzie and Mrs. Hopkins, who had two children in school, visited school.

We wonder if this Mrs. Hopkins was the mother of Richard and Carolyn who usually stayed with their grandmother. At one time School Committee members would make official visits to schools to see how things were going. We wonder if this were some kind of an official visit or just a parent open house day.



CAROLYN HOPKINS WITH DOLL CARRIAGE NEXT TO FLOODED FROHOCK BROOK

Wed. Oct 29, 1924 In after-noon had an invitation for a Halloween party at the school-house, given by Carolyn and Richard Hopkins on Saturday P.M. Nov.1. After school walked out to Mrs. Fracena Carver's and back with Aunt Lizzie and Sister.

Mrs. Adelbert Carver lived at #163 Ducktrap Road.

Thur. Oct. 30, 1924 Nice weather. Ate breakfast. Filled woodboxes next because the teacher went to a convention so there was no school.

Fri.. Oct. 31, 1924 Wrote quotations.

See how Aunt Lizzie kept him busy!

Even though they finished building a new bridge at the Beach in October of 1924, David did not mention it. We thought it would have fascinated him.



NEW BRIDGE WITH BOAT IN THE BROOK

Sat. Nov. 1, 1924 In afternoon went to Halloween party at school. Had a fine time.

Sun. Nov. 2, 1924 In afternoon Daddy took Aunt Lizzie, Mrs. Minnie Morrison, Aunt Rose, Sister and I for a long ride, we went about seventy, miles to Port Clyde and back, over to Thomaston we saw the "old church on the hill" which has a bell cast by Paul Revere.

Tue Nov. 4, 1924 Had snow for first time this year. Went to school. At noon did chores. After school stayed in Garage because Aunt Lizzie and Sister went to Polls.

We wonder if Lizzie was working at the polls and took Ruth with her and George did not want David playing anywhere else by himself. Or – was David minding the gas pumps ?

The following shows where many of George's relatives lived.

Sat. Nov. 8, 1924

Pleasant weather, but came off cold and very windy. Got up early, and about ten minutes of six started for a long ride up to Detroit to Aunt Mina Marcia's and staid till after dinner. Met Aunt Alice, Uncle Ben & Arthur at Aunt Mina's. After dinner went over to Pittsfield for awhile and called on Aunt Grace. Then went to Benton for a call on Grandma Nichols and from there home arrived about 7 p.m. In all went about 142 1/10 miles.

Mon. Nov. 10, 1924 This morning they started to take the Huse building down.
The space left from the Huse House is where George would build his new garage, currently the Artisans Shop.



*RUTH AND DAVID AT THE BEACH.
THE HUSE HOUSE IS THE DARK BUILDING BETWEEN THEIR HEADS*

Tue. Nov. 11, 1924 Armistice Day Blanche Tuicnoe spent the day with us. Fred Frohock and Roy Oxton finished taking down the old Huse building for Daddy today and they were both here to dinner with us.

Friday Nov. 14, 1924 Rainy weather. This is the last day of school for this term, so this after-noon we had treat of candy and peanuts.

Sat Nov. 15, 1924 Today I played with my cart on side-walk because there were so many nails in the yard where the building was taken down.

Mon. Nov. 17, 1924 Very cold weather. Brought up wood. Went after milk. Staid in house most all day because of the cold.

Tue. Nov. 18, 1924 This morning Daddy cut my hair. I got some new shoes this afternoon. In evening Aunt Lizzie popped some Pop-corn. Mr. J. Herbert Gould called this evening.

J. Herbert Gould was a Granger and sold insurance. His wife, Mildred, was Leslie's first grade teacher.

Wed. Nov. 19, 1924 It's a little warmer today. This afternoon Franky Perry and Tommy Flagg played. Frankie Perry brought his cart.

Thur. Nov. 20, 1924 Went after milk and did an errand for Aunt Lizzie. Daddy went to Portland today and Aunt Alice came back with him. They arrived about 7:40 p.m.
Notice how fascinated David is with exact time.

Sat. Nov. 22, 1924 Daddy took Aunt Lizzie, Aunt Alice, Uncle Ben, Sister and I to Rockland by way of Chickewalker Pond from Rockport. After supper wrote diary and did arithmetic, then played Uncle Ben's harp.

We can't imagine Ben having a real full sized harp. Could it have been more like the size of a lute or maybe a mouth harp?

Thur. Nov. 27, 1924 Thanksgiving Day Did chores. Nice weather. Then Aunt Rose, Harley Morrison and his mother came up with Leon and spent the day here. For dinner we had roast chicken.
From frequent mentions of Harley and his mother, we wonder if there was no Mr. Morrison at this time and perhaps the Nichols were befriending them.

Fri. Nov. 28, 1924 In evening Mary Coombs made a short call.

Mary Coombs was Colin's mother at #2478 Atlantic Highway.

Sat. Nov. 29, 1924 In evening Sister and I called on Aunt Rose while Aunt Lizzie did errands. When we came home it was snowing. Arthur Oxton came home with us.

Sun. Nov. 30, 1924 About dinner time Daddy started a fire in the sitting-room for the first time since I started a Diary.

Perhaps this was the first time in the season that they would be spending so much time on a Sunday in the sitting room and therefore needed the fire. It is also interesting to note that they had enough room in the apartment to have one room for a sitting room

Mon. Dec. 1, 1924 The snow is on the ground today.

Some folks try to say how much worse the weather was years ago. As David writes about the changes in the seasons, we don't see much difference between then and now.

Tue. Dec. 2, 1924 After school Sister and I went out to play with my sled in the snow for the first time this fall.

Fri. Dec. 5, 1924 After school at night Sister and I went up to Mr. Gus Warren and he gave us a Christmas-tree and we went up to Mr. Ames to see if he would fix Sister's sled.

We wonder if David and Ruth really did get the tree all by themselves. It may have been a small one. It may have gone on David's cart. We also wonder what was wrong with the sled that George couldn't fix it. Maybe Mr. Ames had some other tools or know-how that George didn't have. Maybe George was away. Maybe Lizzie just wanted the children out of the house for awhile.

Sat. Dec. 6, 1924 Over-cast weather. Did chores. I played clay this morning. I played most all day. Had Baked-Beans for supper as do we nearly always.

We assume he meant they had baked beans like they always do on Saturday night, as opposed to having it every night. It certainly was a New England custom in many homes.

Fri. Dec. 12, 1924 In evening went downstairs to hear the music.

He did this again on Sunday evening. But where or what was the music ? Earlier in the year he listened to the radio some nights. Could this have been a gramophone of some sort ?

Tue Dec. 16, 1924 Daddy worked all night in the mill.

Was George working in the mill and not at the Garage or did he do this in the winter when folks were not using cars as much and didn't need the garage as much ?

Mon. Dec. 22, 1924 After school went to Camden and did Christmas shopping.

Wed. Dec. 24, 1924 In after-noon I went to School and got ready for the evening. In evening had a Christmas Tree at School house. We went and Nellie Frohock went with us. We had a few presents on it Albert Collemer received a bicycle on it.



AN EARLY CHRISTMAS SCENE WITH DAVID ON RIGHT AND RUTH IN ROCKING CHAIR
The rocking chair and desk are still in our family.

Thur. Dec. 25, 1924 Nice weather. We got lots of nice presents on our Christmas tree here at home. We ate dinner with Aunt Rose at Camden. She came home with us to supper and staid all night. Mrs. Fred Frohock called in evening.

Rose was living in Camden while she taught at the high school there.

Sat. Dec. 27, 1924 Made a list of Christmas gifts had fourty.

At the top of the list is adult writing showing two other gifts he received - Subscription to S.S. paper and What to Do from Miss Ida Brown

1 watch	19 The Water Babies (<i>We still have this book</i>)
2 Fish Pond (<i>a board game</i>)	20 Pinocchio the Adventures of a Marionette
3 slippers	21 tracing maps
4 pistol	22 belt
5 miraculum, <i>We have no idea what this could be.</i>	23 puzzle
6 tablet, <i>This would be paper, not a pill.</i>	24 Dollar - Mrs. Hallett
7 boat	25 Dollar - Daddy's cousin
8 aroplane	26 tracing card
9 mittens	27 Sister's present to me
10 gloves	28 cards
11 cap	29 Three handkerchives (30, 31)
12 candy-cane	32 handkerchives - Uncle Willis
13 candy from school	33 The Swiss Family Robinson
14 candy - Aunt Rose	34 Candy and nut - Gus Warren
15 the scissors grinder	35 Diary, <i>a composition book.</i>
16 thoth brush <i>David had a lot of trouble spelling this word.</i>	36 Globe
17 magnet	37 Puzzle Map of the U.S. - Larunce
18 The Three Bears,	38 Papper - What to Do
	39 Stationary - Aunt Rose
	40- Big balloon - Aunt Rose

This seems like a lot of practical clothes items and things to keep David busy. .

Sun. Dec. 28, 1924 Nice weather. Did chores. Wrote some letters. After dinner went for run in the snow.

David was probably writing thank-you notes for some of his presents. That's what we were taught to do as soon as we had opened our presents and were waiting for Christmas dinner to finish cooking.

Mon. Dec. 29, 1924 After School I wrote some New Years cards.

Aunt Lizzie always answered Christmas cards with New Year's cards so that may be what David did.

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Thur. Jan 1, 1925 New-Years Day Went to school After school staid in house.

This entry was the same as the previous two days. We wonder when New Years Day became a holiday. David had problems remembering the correct year for awhile. He also had trouble remembering to put Jan and not Dec. and he had difficulty forming the cursive letter J. Some adult kept correcting the writing for him.

Fri. Jan. 2, 1925 Went to school. Had a good time.

We wonder what made it a good time. Could it just have been being back with all the other children ?

Tue Jan. 6, 1925 After supper studied.

Wed. Jan. 7, 1925 After school went out sledding back of school-house. Tommy Flagg was with us.



HAPPY YOUNG DAVID ON A SLED

Thur Jan. 8, 1925 Had a good time sledding back of School House again tonight - William Munroe was with us part of the time.

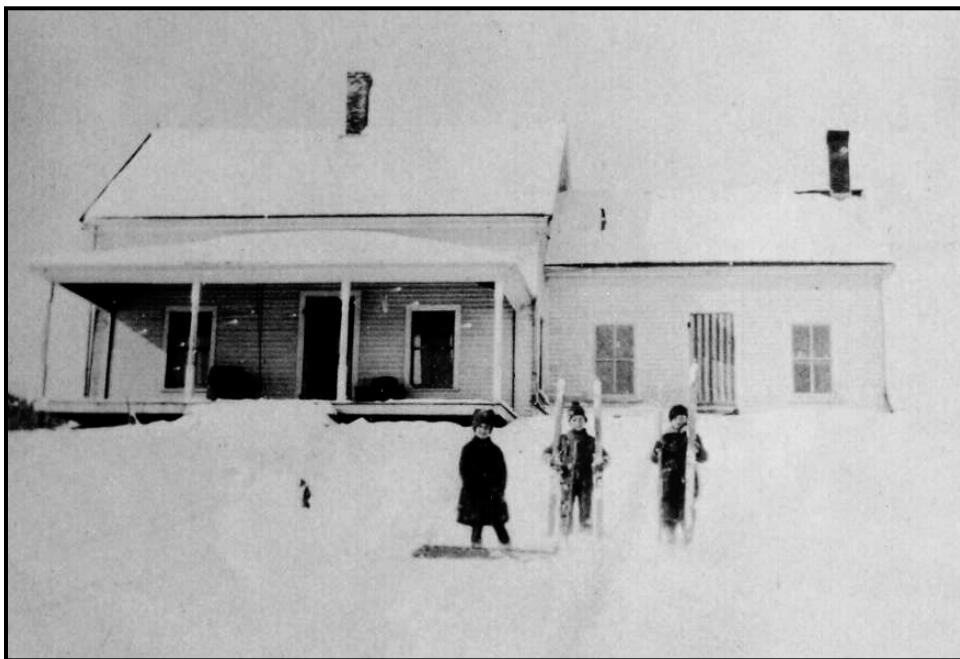
Bill Munroe was still alive and living on the family property near the lumber yard in early 2003 but passed away later that year.

Mon. Jan. 12, 1925 Nice weather but little cold. Went to school and was not feeling very well when I first got there so the teacher made me a bed for a while. After school played in house. After supper studied.

There were no school nurses in those days, just caring teachers.

Tue Jan 13, 1925 Snowed and rained today, began early this morning before we were out of bed, so did not go to school all day but played in the house. Daddy started working tonight in the Camden Mill.

Sat. Jan. 17, 1925 Nice weather. Played in after-noon went out skiing. Went to Camden in evening Arthur Oxton went too.



RUTH AND DAVID SKIING WITH TOMMY FLAGG

Wed. Jan. 21, 1925 After school Sister and I brought up wood.

At five and a half years old Ruth was then considered old enough and strong enough to help with the wood chores.

Fri. Jan. 23, 1925 Blizzard - very cold. Sister and I went to school - only nine scholars present and Aunt Lizzie didn't let us go in after-noon, we stayed home and played with our clay.

We wonder if they ever cancelled school due to weather and how they would let students know. We like his use of the word "scholars."

Sat. Jan. 24, 1925 Still cold. We saw the "Eclipse of the sun" this morning. Played most all day. Did my lion puzzle.

Sun. Jan. 25, 1925 Much warmer. Brought up wood. Went after milk studied Sunday School Lesson. After Dinner Aunt Lizzie changed our playthings around some in the kitchen.

The kitchen was probably the warmest place to play in the winter.

Vonnie Brown remembered visiting and seeing two little tables in the kitchen for Davie and Ruth to work and play at.

Mon. Jan. 26, 1925 After school played in the kitchen.

Fri. Jan. 30, 1925 Snow storm. Daddy did not come home today, but stayed at Aunt Rose and there was no school, because of the snow, so we played all day in the house.

Sat. Jan 31, 1925 Nice weather. Went to School. Gus Warren gave us a ride up to the school house.

Mon. Feb. 2, 1925 Candlemas Day Snowed today. Did chores. Played most all day.

Candlemas is an ancient British festival which marked the midpoint of winter, halfway between the shortest day and the spring equinox. One saying was as follows

If Candlemas Day be fair and bright

Winter will have another fight.

If Candlemas Day brings cloud and rain,

Winter won't come again.

Tue. Feb. 3, 1925 Nice weather, but pretty well drifted in. Daddy did not come home this morning, but stayed at Aunt Rose.

Wed. Feb. 4, 1925 Good weather Brought up wood - Went after milk - Went after mail and did an errand or two for Aunt Lizzie. We have not seen Daddy since Monday noon because of the drifts.

Fred Frohock called in evening soon after supper.

The post office was at many locations at the Beach over the years. At this time it may have been at Hurd's store, two buildings south of the apartment.



HURD STORE ON FAR LEFT

Thur. Feb. 5, 1925 About supper time Mrs. Mary Coombs called and then Miss. Jessie Drinkwater. *It is interesting that George could not get from the Farm to the Beach but women could still go calling.*

Fri. Feb. 6, 1925 Went after milk and mail then skied up to Warren's and back on an errand for Aunt Lizzie.

Sat. Feb. 7, 1925 After dinner played out-of-doors. After we came in we saw a snowman that Elizabeth Knight made.

Sun. Feb. 8, 1925 Late this after-noon Sister, Aunt Lizzie and I start to meet Aunt Rose. I skied, we went as far as William Munroe's. She staid all night with us and went back to Camden with Arthur Oxten. She brought me a Balloon. We saw the Eclipse of the moon this evening.

Tue. Feb. 10, 1925 In after-noon Alta Warren called. About quarter past four PM we saw a tractor pass by northward.

We wonder if local farmers were still using horse drawn plows so that a tractor would be a unique sight. Or – it could have been worth mentioning because it was a tractor pulling or pushing some sort of snow plow.

Wed. Feb. 11, 1925 Foggy weather. Played most all day in house. About 6.00. P.M. We had a thunder shower.

There was no mention of school for a while.

Thur. Feb. 12, 1925 Lincoln's Birthday Nice weather. Played most all forenoon. After dinner we painted. Had a shower at suppertime.

Fri. Feb. 13, 1925 After supper we found about our school in the "Camden Herald". Our names were mentioned.

Sat. Feb. 14, 1925 St. Valentine's Day. Nice weather. Played most all day. I received valentines.

Sun. Feb. 15, 1925 Over-cast weather. Was up before Daddy. Got two more Valentine's today.

Sun. Feb. 22, 1925 Washington's Birthday. Nice weather. Played most all day in house, but was out doors a little while late in afternoon.

Mon. Feb. 23, 1925 Nice weather. Whittled this forenoon after dinner played in house. *Maybe there was no school for a while since this would be mud season and the roads would be impassable for the school bus.*

Thur. Feb. 26, 1925 Stormy. Whittled in Garage.

Sun. Mar. 1, 1925 Studied S.S. lesson outdoors in afternoon. In evening Elizabeth and Doris Knight came in to listen to radio.

Tue. Mar. 10, 1925 Nice weather. Played most all day. Recieved an inverntation to Lavon Frohock's birthday party.

Fri. Mar. 13, 1925 Had cart out for first time this year. Did an errand for Daddy over to Mr. Ames.

Sat. Mar. 14, 1925 Snow. In-doors most all day. In evening I read.

Sun. Mar. 15, 1925 Nice. Studied S.S. lesson in after-noon. Aunt Lizzie Sister and I went for a walk up to Warren's and over to Teacher's.

Wed. Mar. 18, 1925 Sunny. Weat under-foot. After dinner changed clothes. Played.

Thur. Mar. , 1925 Rain. Whittled most all day in Garage. Went after milk in after-noon as it rained to hard in morning.

Wed. Mar. 25, 1925 In afternoon Daddy took me to Camden and had my tooth fixed.
We wonder if this meant a dentist pulled a tooth or filled a cavity.

Mon. Mar. 30, 1925 Little Lonesome where Sister is visiting Camden High School with Aunt Rose.
Imagine an almost six year old spending the day at a high school.

Wed. Apr. 1, 1925 April Fools' Day. Nice. Played on shore for first time this year. Had April Fool jokes all day.

Mon. Apr. 6, 1925 Nice. Sister's birthday. School began today after a vacation since Jan. 31. Three new scholars.

Clara Clough, Ruth Wade, Marjorie Alexander.

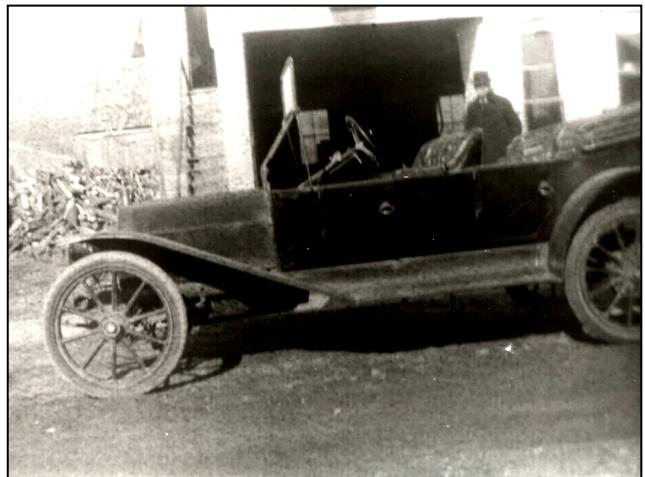
In the one room classroom, specific grade levels were not as important as nowadays. Students could enter and move from one grade level to another with flexibility.

Tue. Apr. 7, 1925 In afternoon Aunt Lizzie gave me a pencil and a bottle of ink.

Thur. Apr. 9, 1925 After School helped Daddy bring wood from farm.

Fri. Apr. 10, 1925 After School piled wood.
Daddy thought I piled about a quarter of a cord.

SEE PILE OF WOOD TO LEFT REAR,
WAITING TO BE CUT AND STACKED IN
SHED



Sun. Apr. 12, 1925 Easter. Over-cast. Did chores. Wrote diary.

Mon. Apr. 13, 1925 Nice weather. Sick most all day.
Hmmmm – too much Easter candy ?? Probably not.

Sun. Apr. 19, 1925 Patriot's Day Late in the forenoon it began to snow and has been snowing ever since. Daddy and I went to Camden just after dinner and got Aunt Rose; They gave up the concert at the church this afternoon because of the snow storm.

Mon. Apr. 20, 1925 It snowed all night and did not stop until around nine - there is lots of snow on the ground -no School today as Patriot's Day came on Sunday.

Now we know that Monday holidays are nothing new.

Wed. Apr. 22, 1925 Nice. Went to School. After School played on shore.
It is interesting that he was playing on the shore two days after a huge snow storm.

Sun. Apr. 26, 1925 Nice weather. Daddy took Aunt Lizzie Sister Arthur Oxton and I on a long ride. We went up to Grammy's in Benton. After dinner we went up to Aunt Mina's in Detroit, to Newport to see Aunt Adra, to Uncle Willis in Heartland and to Aunt Grace in Pitsfield. Aunt Alice came home with us. In all went 198 miles.

Aunt Adra Roundy married her mother's stepson Uncle Ruel Nichols. They were George's aunt and uncle. Uncle Willis Nichols was George's brother.



YOUNG DAVID READY FOR A RIDE

Mon. Apr. 27, 1925 No School because Teacher's daughter was sick.

Tue. Apr. 28, 1925 Aunt Alice went home today. No school today.

Wed. Apr. 29, 1925 Nice weather. Worked. Went to School. Played.
We wonder what the difference was between doing chores and working.

Sun. May 3, 1925 Pleasant. Uncle Guy, Aunt Guitrude, Thelma, Mr. Edwin Jahansen spent the day here.

Uncle Guy was George's brother and married Gertrude. Thelma was probably their daughter and perhaps Mr. Jahansen was a friend of theirs.

Mon. May 4, 1925 Nice weather. Went to School. I studied. The crew to work on the road moved in Mr. Gushies house today.

Mr. Tom Gushee ran the Post Office from 1898-1914. This could have been him or a relative? At one time the Gushees lived in part of the French house on Overlook Road. It had three apartment areas in the late 20th century.

Fri. May 8, 1925 After School Daddy and I went down to the farm to dig greens.

Sun. May 10, 1925 Mother's Day. Glorious. Daddy took Aunt Lizzie, Aunt Rose, Sister, and I up to Aunt Nell's. The boys up there had riged up a cart with a sterring wheel.

Tue. May 12, 1925 After Supper played out on the shore for first time this year.

There must have been a difference in what he called the shore as opposed to the beach where he had already played this year.

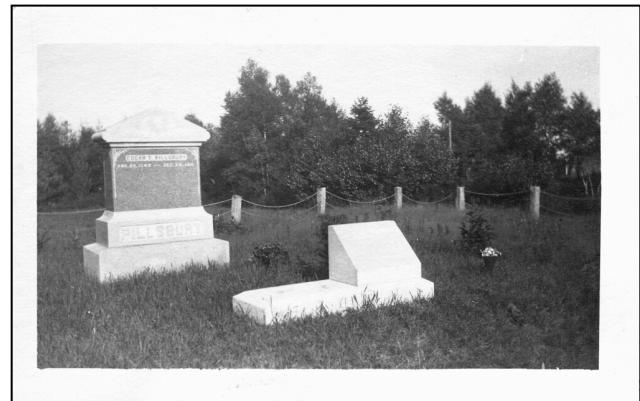
Thur. May 14, 1925 After School went up to the Trap with Daddy.
We wonder if they were there to go fishing.

Sat. May 10, 1925 Daddy went to Portland and on his way back stopped in Bath and brought Uncle Guy, Aunt Gertrude, and Thelma back.

Mon. May 19, 1925 After School went up to cemetery with Aunt Lizzie, Aunt Gertrude, and Sister. After supper we went to Camden in Ford touring car. Our company went too. Called on Aunt Rose and Minnie.

It was getting close to Memorial Day. George never mentioned much to David or Ruth about their mother who died when Ruth was two. It may have been the aunts who put flowers on the family graves and talked to the children more.

*PILLSBURY LOT AT MAPLEWOOD CEMETERY
SHOWING FLORA'S GRAVESTONE.*



Tue. May 19, 1925 After School we went up to Northport with Uncle Guy. They left at supper time for there home in Bath, Me.

Leslie says that before Greyhound and Maine Central, the big bus that went by the Farm was the Quaker Stage Line. Rose would tell about the mail coming on the stage and that Lucy Freeman drove it. Very likely it was horse drawn and may have carried regular passengers, too.

Mon. May 25, 1925 Teacher's daughter is sick so there is no School today. Overcast this morning but after dinner it rained. Tommy Flagg came in and we played with my puzzles. He liked them.

Sat. May 30, 1925 Memorial Day. Rain. Aunt Alice, Uncle Ben, and Arthur rode over from Westbrook this morning. Daddy took Uncle Ben and Aunt Alice and went to Benton to Cousin Marjorie's funeral and came back at night.

Since they went to Benton, Marjorie probably would have been one of the Marcia family relatives.

Thur. June 4, 1925 After supper we rode down to the farm and stopped a few minute. Then rode to Camden (High St.) and turned around and rode up to Bullock's Hill. We got some ice cream and rode home.

Bullock's Hill is on the Lincolnville Northport line.

Who would have been selling ice cream at this time ?

Fri. June 5, 1925 Hot. Went to School. Coming home from School I got weighed. I weighed 58 lb. *David may have been weighed at Dearborn's store. Leslie said that many of the stores had scales that they would let people use. Later David and Ruth will be weighed during a trip to Camden.*

Sun. June 7, 1925 Cool. Had my bath. Did chores. After dinner played out under the steps.

This is only the second time he mentioned having a bath and yet they let him play in the dirt under the steps afterwards??? Leslie said that in those days, without central heat and indoor plumbing; Saturday night was usually bath night. If David was allowed to play in the dirt after a bath; I remember what my mother (and likely Aunt Lizzie too) said that "it was good clean dirt" and that "every boy had to eat a peck of dirt as he grows up".

Wed. June 10, 1925 At School I had a test for first time.

Thur. June 11, 1925 The teacher Mrs. Mahoney announced the picnic for the end of School.

Sat. June 13, 1925 Aunt Lizzie went to Camden with Arthur Oxton in Daddy's little Ford truck and Sister and I played around home.

Does this mean that the only adult around was George down at the gas pumps or working in the garage ?

Sun. June 14, 1925 This morning Stanton took Aunt Lizzie, Sister and I down to the farm and got some flowers and things then went up to cemetery and came back by the way of Sleepy Hollow.

Mon. June 15, 1925 Nice weather. Went to School and studied hard. After school played in house. In Evening Mrs. Bernice Hobbs called.

Bernice Cobbs was Raymond Oxton's sister. Her husband Eddie owned the Lobster Pound for several years after the war. Then he sold it and opened one in East Belfast or Searsport.

Wed. June 17, 1925 Nice weather. Last day of school and we went only for an hour or so then came home and about eleven started for the school picnic. Besides the teacher and scholars who went were: Aunt Lizzie, Mrs. Bernice Kobs, and her son Edward, Mrs. Albert Dean, Mrs. Harry Frohock and her boy Douglas, Mrs. Fannie Clayter and her girl Virginia.



ADULTS AT PICNIC – Including left to right, back row – Mrs. Susan Dean, Mrs. Grace Mahoney, Mrs. Frances Clayter, Mrs. Ethel Frohock, Mrs. Bernice Kobs, Dorothy Stoddard, Virginia Clayter



STUDENTS AT PICNIC – Left to right back row – O. Wade, ?, Cochran ?, ?....., L. Young, Elizabeth Knight, A Munroe. Front Row – Frank Perry, Ruth Wade, Dorothy Stoddard, Ruth Nichols (with her hands up), E Collemer, Virginia Clayter, Bernice Carlson, E Kobs, Tom Flagg, David Nichols

Thur. June 18, 1925 Rain. Did chores. Wrote up diary. Edward Kobs played with us. After dinner played.

Fri. June 19, 1925 Today is the longest day in the year.

Wed. June 24, 1925 After dinner Daddy took Lyod Pitcher and I to Camden. Daddy got me a pair of shoes (size 13) and a cap (size 6 7/8).

Thur June 25, 1925 Daddy and Arthur Oxton started very early this morning for a trip to Northern Maine. Rain. Did chores. Mrs. Mahoney and Miss. Mudgett called on their way to Belfast. Aunt Rose spent the day here.

Fri June 26, 1925 Pleasant. Aunt Rose is still here and Daddy is still away. Played on the beach this forenoon. After dinner played in yard. Tommy and Mary Flagg, Lavonne and Douglas Frohock played with us.

Sat. June 27, 1925 After I went to bed Daddy arrived home from his trip to northern Maine and New Brunswick (Canada).

Sun. June 28, 1925 Rain. Did chores. I'm not feeling well today. A year ago today I started this Diary. After dinner cut paper.

Tues. June 30, 1925 Aunt Julia and Uncle Ed came from Lynn yesterday and this morning they came up to see us. After dinner they came up again with Aunt Rose and took Aunt Lizzie Sister and I up to Belfast and back.

Uncle Ed was Lizzie and Rose's brother. He and Julia continued to visit back and forth for several days.

Fri. July 3, 1925 After dinner Daddy went to Camden and bought Sister and I each a cap pistol and six boxes of caps. After supper we saw the Shenandoah which is the largest air ship in the United States pass over on her way to Bar Harbor. Uncle Ed, Aunt Julia, and Aunt Rose went to Benton today and brought back Uncle Walter, Aunt Winnie, and Laurence and another little boy for over the fourth. *Cap pistols were used to celebrate the Fourth. From future entries it appears that they all stayed at the farm for the holiday weekend.*

Sat. July 4, 1925 Independence Day. After dinner Aunt Lizzie, Sister, and I went to Camden to see the Governors. As we got there Gov. Brewster was speaking, then he introduced the other Gov's present and the one from Iowa made a speech after which it was announced that in less than an hour the Shenandoah would go over, and she did, we saw her so close that I could read on her side "U.S. Navy".

We wonder what the occasion was that the governors would be in Camden for the Fourth of July. The Shenandoah was a zeppelin airship.

Sun July 5, 1925 In afternoon Uncle Ed and Aunt Julia took Uncle Walter, Aunt Winnie, Laurence and the other little boy back to Benton, on their way, they brought Aunt Rose up here and they all made us a little call. Uncle Ed and Aunt Julia will go home from Benton tomorrow to their home in Lynn. After they left here Aunt Lizzie, Aunt Rose, Sister, and I took a walk along the shore. *It's interesting that David spent the holiday with this little boy and never learned his name. We wonder if the boy was a friend of Laurence and they did not include David.*

In evening Aunt Lizzie Sister and I walked down the road and called on Mrs. Frank Duncan.
Mrs. Amanda Duncan lived at #2460 Atlantic Highway.

Mon. July 6, 1925 After dinner played in house. Daddy took Mr. and Mrs. Thompson to Bangor by the way of Bucksport so he was not here for dinner.

It is probable that George operated a type of taxi service since there was still not a car in every garage. Whether this was for pay or out of friendship, we don't know.

Tue. July 7, 1925 Sister and I went in bathing this forenoon for first time this year.

Sat. July 11, 1925 Warm. This morning Mr. and Mrs. Warner took Aunt Rose and I for a ride around the Turnpike and back. When we arrived back at the farm we found Uncle Gladstone had driven through from Somerville and was there.

Gladstone was another brother of Rose and Lizzie.

The Warners lived a few doors North of the Farm. The house is still there, #2284 Atlantic Highway, a small brown bungalow next to Snow Hill Motel in 2003.

The "Turnpike," shown below, is the road next to Megunticook Lake on the way from Camden to the Center. Rose remembered that as a little girl, she thought the people rode out into the country somewhere, went around a pipe, and returned home. (pike=pipe)



Sun. July 12, 1925 Hot. Did chores. After dinner Aunt Rose came up. Aunt Lizzie Aunt Rose Sister and I went to church the preacher was Rev. Holt of Camden. After Supper Aunt Lizzie Aunt Rose Sister and I walked down to the farm and later Daddy came after Aunt Lizzie and I but Sister stayed all nght. Uncle Gladstone went back to Somerville, Mass. today.

Leslie remembers a minister by the name of Holt. There were many times when the Beach church was without its own minister and visiting preachers would come.

Mon. July 13, 1925 After supper we walked down to meet Sister but found her riding with Mrs. Fred Frohock. Then we kept on and called on Angie and Jessie Drinkwater.

Sun. July 19, 1925 Aunt Rose came up in afternoon - and Sister went home with her to stay all night, I walked down with them as far as Jessie Drinkwaters just for the walk.

The Drinkwaters lived at #2419 Atlantic Highway.

Mon. July 20, 1925 Aunt Lizzie and I walked down to meet Sister and Clayton Pushor gave us three a ride back. When we got home we started out again and took some milk bottles down to Jessie Drinkwater. When we got home it was bedtime so we went to bed.

Pushor is probaby a misspelling for Pushaw. Milk bottles were reused. They were glass and they were washed and used over and over. Raymond Oxton was a milkman when Leslie was young. Leslie remembers helping with the haying and washing the bottles in his dairy. The milk was not homogenized then. The cream would rise to the top in the bottles.

Wed. July 22, 1925 Had green peas for dinner. After dinner Kathleen Barton played with us. Wrote diary after supper and played with my dominoes.

Sat. July 25, 1925 The three S.S. - Baptist Congregational and Methodist of Camden had a joint picnic today at Sherman's Point and I went to it with Aunt Rose - we rode down with Daddy this morning and came back with the mail tonight. ... Cousin Alice Pierce made us a short outdoors call this morning.

It seems that the mail came by car and the mailman allowed riders.

Alice Pierce was Lizzie and Rose's first cousin on the Pillsbury side.

We wonder how outdoor calls rated in length or formality compared to indoor calls.

Mon. July 27, 1925 Overcast with rain. Did chores wrote diary. Played in house. After dinner Sister and I had a run on the sidewalk but most of the time played in house.

We wonder if Aunt Lizzie would say, "You've been inside all this rainy day. Just go outside and run up and down the sidewalk for a few minutes to get some of the wiggles out."

Tue. July 28, 1925 After supper Aunt Lizzie Sister and I went down and called on teacher. Mr. and Mrs. Frohock, Lavonne and Douglas their children was there when we arrived. Mrs. Alice Hunt and Jessie Drinkwater called on her also.

Even when she wasn't teaching a classroom full of scholars, Grace Mahoney appeared to be a magnet for social activity.



THESE ARE AMONG THE WOMEN WHO OFTEN GO CALLING.

Left to Right – Grace Mahoney, Rose LeBlanc, Mabel Alexander, Francis Clayter, Jessie Drinkwater, Mrs. D.S. Pray, Helen Collemer.

Sat. Aug. 1, 1925 After dinner Aunt Julia, Uncle Ed, and Uncle Gladstone came up for supper and spent the evening. Aunt Julia and Uncle Ed gave me a boat and Uncle Gladstone gave me a watch with a celluloid crystal.

David's birthday would be the following Thursday. How wonderful that his uncles from a distance away in Massachusetts would come to Lincolnville to see David for his birthday.

Tue. Aug. 4, 1925 After supper Sister and I were sitting on the steps reading our new books that Miss. Rowley gave us today when Aroline Pitnam and her grandma called to see us - they made us only a short call, then Sister and I rode home with them and they brought us back very soon.
Who was Miss Rowley?

Wed. Aug. 5, 1925 After dinner went with Daddy out to Mr. Aubrey Collemer's to get a refrigerator.

*We wonder if this was their first refrigerator that wasn't just an ice box.
Did Aubrey Collemer have a store or just an extra refrigerator?*

Thur. Aug. 6, 1925 8 years old. After dinner Mrs. Ernest Snow took Aunt Lizzie in Daddy's Ford truck to Camden. Sister and I rode down as far as Aunt Rose and she came back with us with Daddy later. Had lots of good presents am expecting a chair in a week or two. Had a birthday cake with pink frosting, candies and candles on it.

Mrs. Theresa Snow was Emma Warner's mother.

Fri. Aug. 7, 1925 Walked down to the farm myself this morning for the first time alone. Spent the day there and after supper Aunt Rose Sister and I walked up to meet Aunt Lizzie and on our way home called on teacher and she gave us some lettuce.

It seems like Sister must have walked up to the farm with David. Since both Rose and Lizzie had telephones, we can imagine Lizzie calling Rose and saying, "I'm sending the children to the farm, alone. Keep your eyes out for them and call me when they arrive."

Sun. Aug. 9, 1925 Aunt Rose came up this morning. Stayed to dinner with us, then she went to church with Aunt Lizzie Sister and I in afternoon. Rev. Mr. Holmon preached. After church we all walked up to the cemetery. After supper Aunt Lizzie Sister and I walked home with Aunt Rose. Later Daddy and Mr. Clyde Clark came for us. They took Aunt Rose also and we rode to Camden, saw where the Hills cottage was burned down last night. Then I stayed down all night with Aunt Rose.
Who was Clyde Clark ?

Mon. Aug. 10, 1925 Overcast. Played around. After dinner Aunt Rose and I walked home. Aunt Rose went to the fair at Community Hall and stayed all night with us.

The Community Hall was located where the present Lobster Pound is. We wonder what kind of fair it was that Rose would go but not take the children.



COMMUNITY HALL



Wed. Aug. 12, 1925 Warm. Did chores. Played on beach. The machine to dig a well for Daddy and Mr. Hurd started today. After supper sat on the steps and watched it.

The entry about the drilling well for George and the Hurds reinforces the thought that the well water at the Beach was probably quite brackish; and probably a good reason to bring drinking water from the Farm or other neighbors. Mr. Hurd was the postmaster and owned the building that was later the antique store next to the new Nichols Garage. It makes sense that they would combine assets to dig a well.

Sat. Aug. 15, 1925 The men finished drilling the well today, 62 feet deep, 28 feet into a ledge....

We are not sure where or when this photo was taken. It may be on the north side of the Beach Store.

Sun. Aug. 16, 1925 After dinner Aunt Rose came up and Sister and I went to church with her. Mr. Griffith preached the sermon. - After church walked up to cemetery and back. Then Aunt Rose went home and found company waiting for her, Miss Ellen Pillsbury of Fairfield.

Ellen Pillsbury was a distant cousin. Rose met her when she attended Colby College. Her family owned W.S. Pillsbury Farm Equipment Company between Waterville and Fairfield. Since they were both Pillsburys, they investigated, and Leslie recalls being told that they were seventeenth cousins.

Mon. Aug. 17, 1925 Sister and I sailed our new boats in the water.

Tue. Aug 18, 1925 Warm. Did chores. Mrs. Blanche Tuicnoe came up and spent the day with us. Played on beach. After supper Mr. Pray in Daddy's Buick took the company home and Aunt Lizzie Sister and I went also.

We can imagine that people enjoyed visiting the Nichols with their beach front location and perhaps enjoyed borrowing one of George's cars to deliver people. Lizzie and the children must have enjoyed taking any chance they could to go out for a car ride after supper.

Mr. Pray was probably Dan at #2429 Atlantic Highway.

Fri. Aug. 21, 1925 Aunt Rose and Cousin Ellen went out on a sail today.

We bet David wished he could have gone, too.

Sun. Aug 23, 1925 After dinner we went to church. Rev. Mr. Coe of Waterbury Conn. preached. - He is a Congregational minister who is spending his vacation at Duck Trap with his family.

How convenient!

Wed. Aug 26, 1925 My new chair came today that we ordered for my birthday.

Could this have been a Sears and Roebuck order? It might have been a chair that fit David exactly.

Thur. Aug. 27, 1925 Warm. Did chores. Sister and I went out to the garden with Daddy and got some cucumbers and beans. Played on shore and in yard. This afternoon Daddy's Aunt Lyda Carey and Mr. Carey and one of their sons and Arthur Hurd made us a little call. Wrote diary.

Mon. Aug. 31, 1925 About four o'clock Daddy met Aunt Alice and Arthur in Rockland, they came on the boat from Portland.

The Boston Boat stopped in Rockland, Camden, Temple Heights, Belfast, and Bangor. Smaller boats went between the islands.

Tue Sept 1, 1925 Aunt Alice and Arthur are staying at the farm while they visit us.

Fri. Sept. 4, 1925 Overcast. Did chores. This forenoon played in kitchen Daddy took Aunt Alice and Arthur to the train at Belfast.

It seems that they had to go north to get the train to go south.

Mon. Sept. 7, 1925 Labor Day Warm. Did chores. Played on beach. After dinner played in yard.

Tue. Sept. 8, 1925 Warm. School began today. Gladys Thompson, Elmer and Cecile Heal were new scholars today. After school played in house.

Wed. Sept. 9, 1925 Warm. Went to school. Did chores. After school played. I was elected vice-president of the School Improvement League with Raymond Oxton Pres., Elizabeth Knight Treasurer and Annie Munroe Secretary.

According to Vinnie, Grace Mahoney thought that the league business would be good citizenship practice for the students. It seems that this League would meet on many Friday afternoons. The officers were mostly students, but sometimes an adult. The purpose may have been to teach children something about parliamentary procedure. Note that many years later David was town moderator, perhaps using skills he first learned at the age of seven.

Thur. Sept. 10, 1925 Raymond and Edith Drinkwater started school here today.
Maybe it didn't matter that everyone else started two days earlier ??

Sun. Sept. 13, 1925 Uncle Gladstone and Aunt Rose spent the day here. Daddy took Uncle Gladstone to Rockland to the train. Aunt Rose, Sister and I went also for the ride to Rockland and back.

Fri. Sept. 18, 1925 Warm. Went to school and stayed for League Meeting.

Sun. Sept. 20, 1925 Warm. Daddy took Mr. Pray Aunt Lizzie, Sister and for a long ride. We went to Detroit. In Belfast we saw the tramp chair; when we were almost to Detroit we could look across country and see Mt. Katahdin in the distance. We had dinner with Aunt Mina and her folks. Soon after dinner we started to ride again, we went through Benton; then through Waterville and saw the Colby College Building; then through Augusta and saw the State Capitol, we then followed down the Kennebec to Bath, where we saw Uncle Guy and Aunt Gertrude for just for a few minutes then we crossed the largest ferry in the state. On our way home also crossed the longest bridge at Wiscasset which is 3,333 feet long. We rode over two hundred miles. We left home at 7.45 AM and got back at 8. PM.

The "tramp chair" is a mobile cell that caged a person in a sitting position.

Sat. Sept. 26, 1925 Warm. Did chores. Played. I'm feeling rather sick today.

Sun. Sept. 27, 1925 Warm. Did my chores. I'm feeling better now. Wrote diary and played. After supper Daddy took Aunt Lizzie and I down to Camden to church, it was a union service at the Congregational church and a stereoptican lecture on the Holy Land by Mr. Moulton of Bangor Theological School.

We know what stereoptican slides are, but they must have had some sort of projector so they could be used in a lecture.

Tue. Sept. 29, 1925 Warm. Went to school. Did chores. After school I played in house. I've a bad cold. Daddy took us down to Mrs. Nora Haskell and we spent the evening - Aunt Rose came too after she had been to meeting, there were other callers there also.

Wed. Sept. 30, 1925 Teacher went to a convention so we had the day off. We played on beach and in door yard. Had a good time. I'm feeling better. Franky Perry played with us.

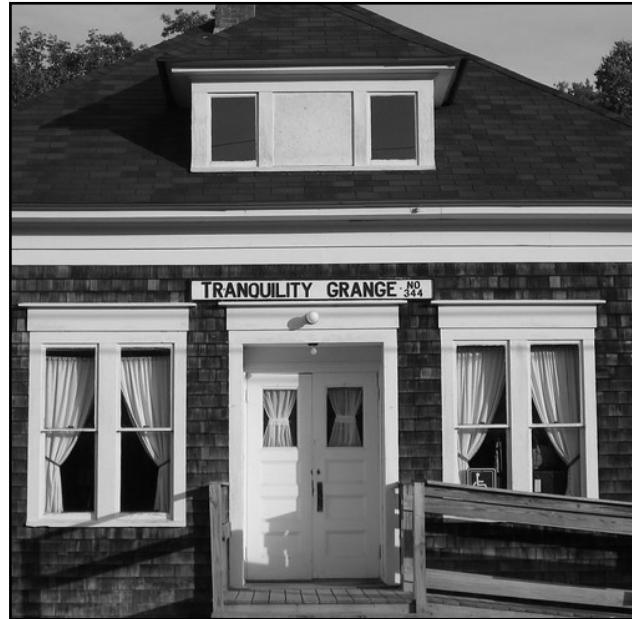
Sat. Oct. 3, 1925 Warm. Did chores. Of course we did not go to school were it is Saturday so we played in the house while it rained outside.

Mon. Oct. 5, 1925 Aunt Rose joined the School Improvement League.

Wed. Oct. 7, 1925 Warm. Daddy took Aunt Lizzie Sister and I, Mrs. Mahoney and Geneva and Miss. Jessie Drinkwater out to the Center Lincolnville about 10 AM to the Fair at the Grange Hall and left us - he came for us about 4:30 PM. We had dinner out there, saw lots of folks - and I won two prizes - a blue ribbon on a poem "My Native Land" and a red ribbon my writing. We went and came by the way of Camden. Sister got a new red velvet hat at the fair. - of Mrs. Scruton. *It seems that there was no school on Grange Fair Day.*

The Scrutons lived at The Center. When Leslie was young, they ran the Lincolnville Telephone Company.

This photo is a modern view of the building that burned and was rebuilt several times.



Thur. Oct. 8, 1925 Warm. Back to school after a holiday!
"Holiday" must have meant a day with no school.

Fri. Oct. 9, 1925 I was president pro tem of the school Improvement League as Raymond was out sick today.

Sun. Oct. 11, 1925 Windy. Did chores. Daddy got the front stove in today. Studied S.S. lesson. Played in house. Afternoon played on shore but found it too cold so we came in house.

Sat. Oct. 17, 1925 Rain. Did chores. Whittled in garage both morning and afternoon. After supper, Daddy took us and the teacher to Camden.

Sun. Oct. 18, 1925 Warm. Did chores. Daddy took us for a ride up to Knox Ridge but Aunt Nell was not at home but Cousin Marcia and the two youngest boys were. We stayed a few minutes and then came home. In evening we went to church with Aunt Rose in Camden.

Where is Knox Ridge?

Sat. Oct. 24, 1925 Ice on the creek for the first time this year.

Sunday October 25, 1925 Cousin Lester Marcia called a few minutes, it was the first time he had ever been here.

Wed. Oct. 28, 1925 Overcast. Did chores. Went to school. After recess in P.M. we had a halloween party at school. In evening teacher called to see Daddy. Nellie Frohock called this evening and brought us down some little pumpkins for jack-o-lanterns.

Thur. Oct. 29, 1925 Windy. Did chores. No school today nor the rest of the week as Mrs. Mahoney has gone to the State Teachers' Convention at Portland. Daddy took Mrs. Mahoney and some other teachers from Camden and Rockport to Portland. Tommy Flagg came down and played with us this forenoon. After dinner played out and indoors. Made my first jack-o-lantern today.

Fri. Oct. 30, 1925 Aunt Lizzie made a fire in front room this morning for first time this year.
After all that jack-o-lantern making, David does not mention any trick-or-treating. Leslie does not remember "Trick or Treat" when he was young. He does remember playing tricks, like soaping windows.

Thur. Nov. 5, 1925 Daddy went to Portland today. Aunt Alice came home with him.

Sat. Nov. 7, 1925 Daddy took Aunt Alice and I to Camden, I went to the Dentist and had 2 teeth out. At noon Daddy took Aunt Alice, Aunt Lizzie, Sister, and I in the Buick, we went to Camden and got Aunt Rose then we all went to Rockland and left Aunt Lizzie, she took the train and went to Lynn for a little visit.

That would have been seven people in the car, including the two children. Lizzie's brother, Uncle Ed, and his wife Aunt Julia lived in Lynn.

Wed. Nov. 11, 1925 No school today as it is Armistice Day. Warm. Had a good time playing.

Fri. November 13, 1925 Very bad storm, it has rained all day and the wind is awful - worst in years. Went to school. After supper went to Camden and got Aunt Lizzie who had come from Massachusetts by train.

She could have taken the street trolley from the end of the train line in Rockland.

Saturday November 14, 1925 Daddy went to Portland today and took Aunt Alice home.
Aunt Alice must have been watching the children while Lizzie was away.

Sun. Nov. 15, 1925 In evening there were no electric lights so Daddy could not keep the Garage open so he took us to Camden and went to church with Aunt Rose. Coming home Daddy let me try steering the Ford Coupe.

Does this mean George usually had the garage open on Sundays?

Monday November 16, 1925 Rain, very high tide. Did chores. Wrote diary. Miss Nina Matthews made us quite a call this morning. After dinner Frankie Perry came down and played with us in the kitchen as it was too wet to play out of doors. Daddy took us to Camden and we called on Mrs. Nora Haskell.

Thur. Nov. 19, 1925 Today I received the prize (a quarter) for my writing that I won at the fair on Oct. 7.

Sun. Nov. 22, 1925 After dinner Aunt Lizzie, Sister, and I walked up to Trap and back then called on our next door neighbor Mrs. Knight, Doris Drinkwater was down there also from Belfast where she now lives.

Mon. Nov. 23, 1925 First day of school after one weeks vacation. Stormy today and I wore my new coat and sou-wester for the first time.

Wed. Nov. 25, 1925 Over-cast. Went to school. I was elected president of the school improvement league.

Thur. Nov. 26, 1925 Thanksgiving Day. Mild. Did chores. Aunt Rose spent the day with us. This forenoon we went over to play with Richard and Carolyn Hopkins who were spending the day with their grandparents Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Carver. After dinner Aunt Rose, Sister and I went to walk up to the cemetery. About 8:00 this evening Daddy took Aunt Rose back to Camden, Aunt Lizzie, sister and I went also just for the ride.

Fri. Nov. 27, 1925 After dinner Aunt Lizzie cracked nuts, Sister and I picked out and ate a lot of them.

When we were growing up in the 1950's and 60's. Uncle David would come for Thanksgiving and one of our favorite after-dinner activities was to crack nuts.

Mon. Nov. 30, 1925 Mr. Charles Tucinoe started to paper. He did Daddy's room today.

Tue. Dec. 1, 1925 Aunt Lizzie's room was papered today. Daddy took me to Camden when he took Mr. Tucinoe down just for the ride.

Wed. Dec. 2, 1925 They got the kitchen ready to be papered.

Thur. Dec. 3, 1925 Mr. T papered kitchen.

Fri. Dec. 4, 1925 Went to school, the League met as usual. He papered our bedroom today.

Sat. Dec. 5, 1925 Warm. Poured. Whittled in Garage. After dinner Daddy cut my hair. Mr. Tucinoe started to paper dinning room today. After supper when Daddy took Mr. T. home Aunt Lizzie, Sister, and I all went to Camden and did a little shopping then made a little call on Aunt Rose till Arthur Oxten was ready to come up with us.

Sun. Dec. 6, 1925 Rained. I helped Daddy fix flat-iron socket in dinning room.

When electricity was first installed in homes, it was considered for lighting only. Most of the appliances that we have today were not being produced. The "flat iron socket" might well have been affixed to a light cord coming down from the ceiling.

Mon. Dec. 7, 1925 Mr. Tucinoe finished papering dinning room today.

Tue Dec 8, 1925 They started to get the sitting room ready to be papered today.

Wed. Dec. 9, 1925 He papered the ceiling in front room today.
The ceiling ???

Thur. Dec. 10, 1925 Mr. T finished papering the sitting-room today. I earned a nickel carrying a note to Mrs. Alta Warren from her sister Mrs. Vera Dyer. The sink spout froze up this morning for first time this year.

Fri. Dec. 11, 1925 Mr. Tuconoe finished papering the 6 rooms and whitened the ceilings in the bedrooms.

George must have been doing well financially to be able to hire Mr Tucinoe for all that work. It's interesting that the bedrooms got white ceilings and some other rooms got papered ceilings. It's also challenging to figure how they fit six rooms in that apartment.

Fri. Dec. 18, 1925 Warm. Went to school. Had to stay after school to rehearse for our Christmas entertainment. Sister and I each took a little bag of candy to school today to treat the scholars, some of that Mr. Dodge sent from Chicago.

Sat. Dec. 19, 1925 A little after 3:00 Daddy took us to Camden and we went to Prince Store and saw Santa Claus. In evening we again went to Camden shopping.

Prince's Store was on the corner of Elm and Washington St., in the Opera house building.

Sun. Dec. 20, 1925 After dinner I got the Sunday papers then played on sidewalk. Daddy left just after dinner to go to Newport.

Mon. Dec. 21, 1925 Snow. Went to school. After school brought up wood. Daddy came home just in time for dinner. Had to stay to rehearse for our Christmas entertainment. In evening went to Camden shopping. Daddy gave us each \$.50 to spend.

Tue. Dec. 22, 1925 Mild. Bad walking. Snow and water both.

Wed. Dec. 23, 1925 Cold and windy, icy walking. Went to school. Took a test in Arithmetic, Stayed to rehearsal.

Hmm - icy walking but still went to school.

Thur. Dec. 24, 1925 Warm. Did chores. Went to school. Daddy and sister went down to Farm and got us a Christmas tree just before dinner and Daddy cut his leg just below knee. In afternoon rehearsed. In evening we had the entertainment and Christmas tree at the schoolhouse. Mr. Harry Frohock was Santa Claus and there were lots of presents. I had some on the tree at school. Sister and I were in a dialogue and had to dress up. She was a mother with a long dress little apron and cap. I was a peddler of medicine and wore a stiff derby hat, a stiff white standing collar a black mustache and pair of glasses.

Fri. Dec. 25, 1925 Christmas Day Snow. Aunt Rose spent the day here. Got lots of nice presents, toys and clothes. Mister Gus Warren came in to see our Christmas tree this morning. Tommy Flagg also came in for a while.

It seems that there would be lots of visiting around to see the decorated trees. We wonder if the newly papered rooms were also admired.

Sat. Dec. 26, 1925 In afternoon we went up to see Janella McAtee's Christmas tree, then went up to see Tommy Flagg's presents and played with him a while.

Who was Janella McAtee?

Tue. Dec. 29, 1925 Chilly. Went to school, took a ten-question test in arithmetic. Wrote diary.

Wed. Dec. 30, 1925 Mrs. Harry Frohock called after school with Lavonne, Douglas, and Edward Kobbs to see our Christmas tree and presents.

Thur. Dec. 31, 1925 Chilly. Went to school. Did chores. Today is the last day in the year.

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Friday January 1, 1926 New Years Day. Warmer with snow in afternoon. Went to school. The League met in after school. Mrs. Grace Munroe, Mrs. Nellie Brown, Anna Carlson and Shirley Young visited school and the League meeting. Had baked potatoes for supper.

Note that adults were visiting school to attend the League Meeting.

Sat. January 2, 1926 We had lots of fun skiing.



DOROTHY STODDARD AND RUTH POSE NEXT TO DAVID WHO IS ON SKIS

This view is taken from the long driveway with the ocean in the background.

At this time the Huse house is gone and the new garage has yet to be built.

The Nichols woodshed is easy to find.

Mon. Jan. 4, 1926 Unsettled. Went to school, only 14 scholars present today as so many had bad colds.

Thur. Jan. 7, 1926 Chilly. Went to school. Less scholars all the time.

Fri. Jan. 8, 1926 Only nine scholars at school today.

Sat. Jan. 9, 1926 Mr. George Rheuben Matthews was found dead at his home the other morning and his funeral was this afternoon.

Sun. Jan. 10, 1926 After dinner played with stencils and dissected picture puzzles. In evening wrote diary and did my arithmetic. We have so bad colds that we cannot go outdoors to play.
Leslie remembered that Rose would put a puzzle together and then she would remove a dozen or so pieces. Possibly David "dissected" puzzles for Ruth.

Fri. Jan. 15, 1926 Our colds are gradually getting better.

Tue. Jan. 27, 1926 Mr. Barns the Supt. visited our school today.
This may have been an inspection visit.

Thur. Jan. 28, 1926 Blizzard. Went to school. Daddy visited school this afternoon until recess, he is on the school committee.

Fri. Jan. 29, 1926 Since this is the last day, the teacher, Mrs. Mahoney, gave us a treat of candy.
This school break will last through mud season until April.

Sat. Jan. 30, 1926 Sister started a diary again.

Sunday January 31, 1926 Had oyster stew for supper. Yesterday Frank Perry loaned me the book "The Boy Lincoln" by Wm. O. Stoddard and today I finished reading it.

Monday February 1, 1926 Overcast with storm. Did chores and did a little writing. Played outdoors a few minutes, when I came in I played with my Erector- set. In afternoon Aunt Lizzie, Sister and I called on Mrs. Worster, Mrs. Foster, and their niece. Wrote diary.

Mrs. Lilian Worcester and Mary L. Foster were two women who had a tea shop just north of the garage at #2524 Atlantic Highway.

Tue. Feb. 2, 1926 Candlemas Day. After dinner we played outdoors, several of the children played with us.

Thur. Feb. 4, 1926 Blizzard. Storming hard.

Fri. Feb. 5, 1926 Daddy fixed a broken shovel I had when I was very little. For the first time this year the mail-man, Mr. Llewellyn Drinkwater did not go to Camden this morning nor to Belfast - he did get to Camden this afternoon and back about 5:30.

This may have been due to the severity of the storm.

Sat. Feb. 6, 1926 In afternoon Aunt Rose snowshoed up for over the weekend. Twenty eight years ago today Admiral Dewey destroyed the Spanish Fleet in Manila Harbor.

Sun. Feb. 7, 1926 After dinner when Aunt Rose left Aunt Lizzie and Sister walked and I skied down as far as Keller's with her.
Keller's lived at #2402 Atlantic Highway.

Wed. Feb. 10, 1926 Stormy. Did chore. Wrote a few quotations. Played with my erector. Wrote diary this morning for yesterday and tonight for today.

Thur. Feb. 11, 1926 Played with Jack-Straws for a while this morning.
We had a set of pick-up sticks to play with when we were young, too.

Wed. Feb. 17, 1926 Ash Wednesday. We played in the snow with Frankie Perry, Tommy Flagg, Elizabeth and Lucy Young.

Thur. Feb. 18, 1926 Overcast with snowstorm. Did chores. Wrote as usual. Put on leggins and rubber shoes. After dinner I played out in the snow.

Sat. Feb. 20, 1926 Went down to Mrs. Daniel Pray's and got some apples.
We assume this would have been from a cold cellar.

Sun. Feb. 21, 1926 After dinner got the Sunday paper and took the book Tommy Flagg lent me home also he lent me another to read.

David read almost every night for quite awhile in the winter.

Tue. Feb. 23, 1926 I took Tommy Flagg's book home and he lent me another then we played out of doors for a while. After we came in we cut out some paper dolls.

Nowadays paper dolls are thought of as being more for girls.

Would these have been paper dolls more appropriate for boys, like animals or male figures ?

Wed. Feb. 24, 1926 Daddy had some men here this afternoon sawing his wood in the yard.



*SLABS OF WOOD POSSIBLY BROUGHT FROM THE FARM
AND NOW READY TO BE CUT INTO STOVE LENGTHS AND PACKED IN THE SHED.*

Sat. Feb. 27, 1926 Today I started knitting runs on a spool. After dinner I whittled in the garage but soon got through as I did not feel well, then I laid down for a while. Daddy started to go to Camden tonight, but got stuck at Sagmores, and got home about 2:00 AM.

When we were young, we had some nails stuck on a spool and we knit on that.

Would David have been doing the same kind of knitting ?

Sagamore Farm was located near the current entrance to Camden Hills State Park. The buildings are gone now.

Wed. Mar. 3, 1926 Mrs. Iola McAtee and her little daughter Janella called. Mrs. Alta Warren called again, she is doing some sewing for Aunt Lizzie.

Fri. Mar. 5, 1926 Mrs. Helen Hurd called this evening and Sister and I did not go to bed until 9:30.

Sat. Mar. 6, 1926 Daddy and Stanton Collemer walked to Camden tonight and Arthur Oxten walked home with them. Daddy had to go to the dentist's.

The roads must have been too muddy to drive.

Mon. Mar. 8, 1926 Town Meeting Day. Storm. Did chores. Daddy went to the Town House with Marion Drinkwater and some other men. He was elected one of the Selectman for the coming year, the other two are I. O. Eugley, First S and Mr. Russ Second S. Mrs. Alta Warren was here again sewing.

Tue. March 16, 1926 Stanton Collemer took Aunt Lizzie to Camden this morning and she had two teeth pulled and we played out doors.... In evening Aunt Lizzie, sister and I played Geographical Lotto. *If George did not get his car out on the road during this season, could Stanton be using a horse and carriage or sleigh?*

Sat. March 20, 1926 Fair. Did chores. Stanton took Aunt Lizzie to Camden, and we kept house. Daddy got dinner. Aunt Lizzie brought me home a ball of strong cord to go with my erector sets and I played with that in the afternoon.

Wed. March 24, 1926 Daddy walked out to Youngtown Schoolhouse to a meeting of the School Com. He says school is to begin Mon. April 5th.

Thur. April 1, 1926 This afternoon Daddy started for a meeting of the selectmen at Lincolnville Center but the traveling was so bad he did not get there.

Mon. April 5, 1926 Cloudy. Spring term of school began today. We had several new scholars, they were George, Virginia and Laura Rankin, Ida Perry, Barbara Heald, Edward Kobbs, and Arline Tower. *Did the Rankins just move in or had there been some re-districting?*

Sat. April 10, 1926 Fair. Did chores. Wrote diary. Knit on spool. After dinner played outdoors. I went down the road with Daddy this afternoon, the first time I had rode in a car since January.

Mon. April 12, 1926 Went to school, we had two recesses this morning, the smaller ones and then the larger scholars.

Tue. Apr. 13, 1926 Daddy is painting the sitting room.
This must mean the woodwork.

Wed. Apr. 14, 1926 Daddy put the window screens on today.

Sun. Apr. 18, 1926 Had parsnip stew for supper.

Sat. April 24, 1926 This afternoon Daddy let me have my cart out for the first time this year. Daddy took us to Camden tonight in the Buick, shopping, it was the first time I had been to Camden since January.

Thur. Apr. 29, 1926 After school I had only a little wood to bring up as Sister did most of it before I got home from school.

We can't tell whether or not Ruth is going to school at this time, but she would have just turned seven.

Fri. Apr. 30, 1926 Our League met today as it is Friday, we had the regular business and then we had some resitations.

Sat. May 1, 1926 Daddy took us to Camden shopping. We was weighed, I weighed 66 lb and Sister 60 lb.

Leslie thinks there were probably several public scales around Camden. One scale was in the Rexall Drug Store. A penny was the price; likely would cost a quarter today! Aunt Lizzie always shopped at "Brown's Market". That was located on the corner of Mechanic Street opposite from what is now called "French and Brawn. It is possible that the weighing was done in that store.

Fri. May 7, 1926 Had a League meeting and a literary program.

Sat. May 8, 1926 Daddy has bought a Dodge truck 3/4 of a ton.

Mon. May 10, 1926 Kept the garage open for Daddy for a few minutes after school.
Perhaps David was ready to pump gas if anyone came by.

Wed. May 12, 1926 Daddy went to Belfast this evening to a banquet at the Windsor House given by R.A. Paul Co. He had fine time. Mr. and Mrs. Lord and Miss. Jessie Innis called on us this evening.
Mr. Lord was Charles Lord, the superintendent of Schools in Camden.

Fri. May 14, 1926 Had a spelling match this afternoon. The captains were Helen Young and Charles Dean, Helen's side won, left standing Helen Young, Virginia Rankin, and Elizabeth Knight. Had a literary program.

Wed. May 19, 1926 After school Aunt Lizzie, Sister and I dug some greens on the Carver's lawn.
These could have been dandelion greens. We wonder what Lizzie made out of them.

Fri. May 21, 1926 Had recitations at school. Daddy went to Clinton, Maine to his Aunt Liza's funeral, his cousin Inez Crosby went with him. He brought us home a sled, a hoe, a shovel, and a rake.
Inez lived in Camden at least into the late 60's.

Sat. May 22, 1926 Spread the sawdust around the yard with our new shovel and rake this forenoon and this afternoon Sister and I played on shore with our new tools.
Could the sawdust have helped absorb mud ?

Sun. May 23, 1926 Rain. Uncle Guy and Mr. Charles Nelson came over from Bath and went fishing, they were here to dinner but they went home before supper time.

Fri. May 28, 1926 This afternoon Aunt to Rockland with Mr. and Mrs. Pray. She brought me home a pin for necktie - its a little tennis racquet.

Sat. May 29, 1926 Mrs. Howard Waltz and two other ladies from Rockland were going to Belfast this forenoon but they had trouble with their car so they were here for an hour or two. This afternoon Daddy took Sister and I down to the farm and we dug a mess of dandelion greens.

Sun. May 30, 1926 Memorial Day. Cloudy. Stanton Collemer took us to the cemetery. Later I wrote up my diary. Studied S.S. lesson about "Finding God Everywhere"....

Tue. June 1, 1926 Rain. Went to school. My class got some new Eighth Readers.
He is now almost nine years old, not the typical age for eighth grade work.

Mon. June 7, 1926 Went to school, had a written arithmetic test, my rank was 82%.

Tue. June 8, 1926 Had an oral language test.

Wed. June 9, 1926 Had a written language test. My rank was 86%.
Could this have been some kind of standardized state testing?

Thur. June 10, 1926 Teacher gave me pencil for a prize for not whispering in school this term.

Thru June 24, 1926 Fair. Did chores. Played in yard with the other children. I went down to Mrs. Prays and got some rhubarb, Wrote diary.

Fri. June 25, 1926 Fair. Did chores. We went up to play with Tommy Flagg but he was not at home so we played on shore all day. Wrote diary. The men are here building a new concrete walk and driveway in front of the Garage.

Tue June 29, 1926 Pleasant. Aunt Lizzie called me this morning about 3:15 we had breakfast and at four o'clock Daddy and I started for Portland in the Buick. After crossing the ferry from Woolwick we stopped a few minutes in Bath to see Uncle Guy. Arrived in Westbrook about 8 o'clock, then Aunt Alice went with us into Portland and I had my eyes examined, Mr. Easton said he would not advise glasses for this summer but perhaps I ought to have them before school begins again. Aunt Alice and I did a little shopping, I saw eleven story buildings which when built were the highest buildings east of New York We had dinner with Aunt Alice and then soon started for home We stopped again and saw Uncle Guy in Bath. Coming back across the ferry Daddy bought me an ice cream cone. We arrived home about 5:30. In all we rode 208 miles.

Imagine going all that way just to see an eye doctor. Or maybe George had another errand David did not mention.

Sun. July 4, 1926 Fair. Did chores. Aunt Alice, Uncle Ben and Arthur came from Westbrook this morning and later Aunt Nell and part of her family came they brought their dinner and ate it over on the shore. We had baked salmon for our dinner. After dinner Aunt Nell's folks, went in one car and Uncle Ben and Aunt Alice took Sister and I in their car for a ride we went to the Fish-Hatchery and then over by the State's Prison in Thomaston. After we got home I got the Sunday papers for Daddy.

Fri. July 16, 1926 Rain. Did chores. Stanton Collemer took Aunt Lizzie, Sister and I to Camden and Sister had her hair cut. Played with Erector.

Sun. July 18, 1926 Fair. Did chores. Uncle Gladstone came down from Somerville last night and was here today for breakfast and to dinner - he had a boy with him - I went down to the Farm with them shortly after breakfast and stayed till dinner time - Uncle Gladstone started back to Massachusetts soon after dinner.

In later years we know Aunt Rose took in state children. Is it possible that Gladstone left a boy to stay with her for a while?

Mon. July 26, 1926 Fair. Did chores. Wrote up diary. Played in yard and on shore with Harley McMiner and Bobby Berry.

Wed. July 28, 1926 Fair. Did chores. Played in yard and on shore. Wrote diary. We got a post-card from Aunt Rose in Montreal

Sat. July 31, 1926 Fair. Did chores Played in yard and on shore with Muriel Frazier. After supper Aunt Lizzie, Sister and I called on Mrs. Foster. Later we walked down the road until Daddy came along and gave us a ride to Camden to do some shopping. We got weighed. I weighed 61 1/2 and Sister weighed 56 lbs.

If this is correct, both children lost weight since they were weighed in May. Or maybe they were wearing lighter clothes ?

Sun. August 1, 1926 Fair. Did chores. Aunt Winnie, Uncle Walter and Lawrence called this morning a few minutes and later Mr. & Mrs. Willie Young and their two daughters called here. Read on steps. A house-car stopped last night and are spending the day in our door-yard. A man and a woman from Toledo, Ohio. their license number was California as that was where they spent the winter - they have been in every large city in the United States and have traveled in their little house more than 17000 miles in the last 21 months.

Fri. Aug. 6, 1926 Nice day. Aunt Rose walked home with me this morning, and soon after we got here she went in bathing with Sister and I, We took our big new ball into the water that Miss Rowley gave us and had a nice play with it. Aunt Rose stayed to dinner and supper with us as it is my birthday. Aunt Lizzie made a birthday cake with candy and candles on it. I am nine years old today. I've had ice cream, candy, and peanuts today. Aunt Rose brought me home a monkey from Montreal. Aunt Lizzie gave me a jack-knife for a birthday present also a paper knife and a birthday book; Daddy gave me a book called the "Arabian Nights" and Sister hemstitched for me a linen handkerchief.

David is obviously reading at a much higher level than The Three Bears from Christmas 1924.

Ruth has begun instruction in sewing.

Mon. Aug. 9, 1926 Fair. Sister and I staid down to the Farm and with Aunt Rose picked six quarts of blueberry this forenoon We played all this afternoon and after supper Aunt Rose started to walk home with us and Aunt Lizzie started down to meet us, we met by Lawrence Carver's house.

Wed. Aug. 11, 1926 Fair. Did chores, Played with Muriel Frazier and Barbara Stern's. Daddy took some people to Bar Harbor today and got back about 7 o'clock.

Thur. Aug. 12, 1926 Fair. Did chores. Played on shore with Frankie Perry. After dinner Sister and I walked down to the farm to play with Lawrence. After supper Aunt Rose, Aunt Winnie, Sister, Lawrence and I walked home, they spent the evening and Daddy took them home.

Sat. Aug. 21, 1926 Fair, I stayed down to the farm today. The Elm Street Reading club to which Aunt Rose belongs came up this afternoon and had a picnic supper with her - she steamed clams and they brought the rest of the food. Aunt Lizzie and sister came down after supper and sister stayed all night I came home with Aunt Lizzie when Daddy came for us.

Sun. Aug. 22, 1926 Fair, Did chores. Wrote diary. Sister walked home with Aunt Rose just before dinner. After dinner Aunt Rose sister and I went to church. Mr. Smith of the Camden Methodists Church was the preacher. After supper Aunt Lizzie Sister and I called on Mrs. Frank Duncan.

Tue. Aug. 24, 1926 Rain. Did chores. Then Daddy took Aunt Lizzie Sister and I to Camden in the Dodge truck and I had two theeth pulled out by Dr. Long. Played house because it rained.

Wed. Aug. 25, 1926 Fair. Did chores. Played around home this forenoon. We had an invitation to Anita Flanders birthday party at Mrs. Pray's and we went this afternoon. We had a nice time, there were games and ice-cream, Mrs. Pray gave us a ride home in her auto. After supper did diary, then read till bedtime.

Could Anita have been a granddaughter to the Prays ?

Fri. Aug. 27, 1926 We listened to a new radio tonight that Daddy has just got. It is a Freed-Eisemann - 6 tubes.

Sun. Aug. 29, 1926 Fair. Did chores. Played on shore this forenoon. Uncle Ralph came down this morning from Belfast where he is working and was here with us to dinner and to supper. Daddy took him to Belfast this evening. Aunt Rose came up just after dinner and sister and I went to church with her. Mr. Holt of the Camden Congregational Church was the preacher. After church I walked home with Aunt Rose and stayed all night.

Mon. Aug. 30, 1926 Fair. A beautiful clear day so this morning Aunt Rose put up a lunch for us and she and I climbed Bald Rock. We saw the bear's den found a few berries and had a great view over the bays and islands also the lakes and hills. After supper I walked home and carried Aunt Lizzie enough apples to make a pie.

Note that this could be the area that inspired Robert McClosky's Blueberries for Sal. His mother-in-law's summer home was across the street from the farm.

Sun. Sept. 5, 1926 Fair. Did chores. Studied S.S. Lesson. Helped Aunt Lizzie shell beans Uncle Ed was up for a few minutes this morning, He Aunt Julia, Uncle Gladstone, Uncle Walter, Aunt Winnie and Laurence are down to the farm. Uncle Ed, Aunt Julia and Uncle Gladstone came up and spent the afternoon and rest came up and spent the evening.

Tue. Sept. 7, 1926 Fair. Did chores. First day of school same teacher as last year there are 25 scholars - two new scholars just beginning to go to school Norman Wade and Douglas Frohock. After school played on shore.

Tue. Sept. 14, 1926

Fair. Did chores. Went to school, had a League meeting, Election of Officers, I was elected Treasurer. Played in yard. Wrote diary then did arithmetic.

Wed. Sept. 29, 1926

Fair. Did chores, Went to school. After school tiered wood. Wrote diary.

Fri. Oct. 1, 1926 Fair. Went to school. After school did chores and Stanton went up to his aunts Mrs. Eliza Hahn with Sister and I after some crab apples for Aunt Lizzie to make jelly. Elizabeth Knight went with us. Wrote diary and did arithmetic.

Sun. Oct. 3, 1926 Fair. Did chores. Studied S.S. Lesson about "Israel Journeying Towards Canaan". Played in yard and on shore. This afternoon we had a door yard call from Mr. Geo. Everbeck, Mrs. Leonora Walters and a Mrs. Bates from Rockland. Mrs. Doris Drinkwater and her baby Alton spent the evening here. In Evening Mrs. Mandy Duncan also called on us and we listened to the Radio together.

We wonder, was studying the lesson just reading it, or memorizing, or answering questions ? It must have been something pre-printed.

Thur. Oct. 7, 1926 Fair. Did chores. There is no school today because it is Lincolnville Fair Day. Played in yard and on shore. Wrote diary. I got a third prize in my writing (twenty-five cents). *This is similar to last year.*

Sun. Oct. 17, 1926 Overcast with rain. Aunt Rose and I went to Camden to church and Sunday school, the lesson was about "Adam and Eve". We had dinner with Minnie and Harley. Aunt Rose got Mrs. Elwell to bring us home because it was raining so hard. Wrote diary.

Mon. Oct. 18, 1926 Fair. Did chores. Went to school as usual. Wrote diary and did arithmetic. Mr. Tom E. Gushie made our school a present of a piano which had been at his house at the Beach where he used to live.

He had the store on the corner.

Wed. Oct. 20, 1926 Fair. Did chores. Went to school. Played in house. Wrote diary, did arithmetic, studied and practiced a piece for an entertainment we are going to give up to school, soon.

Thur. Oct. 21, 1926 First snow storm but all melted by night. Did chores. Went to school. After school played in house. Wrote diary and had first fire in sitting room today.

There was probably a cooking stove in the kitchen and a space heater stove in the sitting room. The kitchen was in the rear, then a dining-room, and the sitting-room was next to the street. Bedrooms were along the North side. The sitting-room had a window with screening built out from the wall so Aunt Lizzie could put her head part way out and see who might be wanting gas, oil, or another service. She would go down and pump gas if no one else was available.



Fri. Oct 22, 1926 Pleasant. Did chores. Went to school. Aunt Rose came up after school and spent the night, this evening she played the mandolin for us. Wrote diary and did arithmetic.

Leslie said that Rose did not think highly of her own playing, even though she played in a string orchestra in the 1920's

*FLORA AND A FRIEND
WITH BANJO AND MANDOLIN*

Sat. Oct. 23, 1926 Fair. Did chores. Wrote diary. Walked down to the farm and Aunt Rose and I walked back right after dinner. Mrs. Susie Condon of Thomaston and her three daughters, Mary, Cleora, and Bertha spent the day here and Daddy took them and Aunt Rose home tonight.

Mon. Oct. 25, 1926 Rained hard. Did chores. Went to school Our teacher got a new set of encyclopedias. After school played in house. Wrote diary and did arithmetic.

Thur Oct. 28, 1926 Fair. No school today or tomorrow as it is State Teacher's Convention up to Bangor. Did chores. Wrote diary. Played on shore and after dinner Sister and I went up to Tommy Flagg's house to play with him. Daddy is gone to Bangor to take some teachers to the Convention.

Sat. Oct. 30, 1926 Fair Did chores. We played in yard and on shore with Elizabeth Knight and Frankie Perry. Wrote diary. Did arithmetic. Daddy left this morning for Benton, expects to spend the night in Portland and then go to Philadelphia with Aunt Alice.

Sat. Nov. 6, 1926 Fair. This morning Aunt Lizzie gave us some corn cakes and while Sister was eating hers she lost a tooth. Did chores. Wrote diary. Played in yard with other children. We all have a cold.

Mon. Nov. 8, 1926 Overcast. Did chores. Went to school Daddy got home this forenoon from Philadelphia he brought me a sport jacket, pocket book, several pairs of stockings and a book with views from the Sesqui-Centennial.

Fri. Nov. 12, 1926 Fair. Did my chores. Went to school as today was the last day before a week's vacation, teacher treated us with candy, which while eating I lost a tooth. Wrote diary. Daddy went to Portland today to a National Grange meeting.

Sat. Nov. 13, 1926 Fair. Did chore. Daddy came home from Portland today by way of Benton and brought Grandma Nichols, she is going to stay with us while Aunt Lizzie goes to Lynn on a visit. Daddy took Grandma, Sister and I with him when he took Aunt Lizzie to Portland to get the noon train. Played.

Mon. Nov. 15, 1926 Fair. Did chores. Played with Frankie Perry. Rehearsed for social that our School Improvement League is going to give.

Tue Nov. 16, 1926 Fair Did chores. Played with Tommy Flagg. We had our social this evening in Community Hall. Aunt Rose came up from Camden and Grandma went over with us. We had an orchestra of Camden High School scholars to play for us. Ice-cream cake and candy were on sale They had a little dance after but we came home before the dance. We cleared about (\$17) seventeen dollars.

Fri. Nov. 19, 1926 Rained very hard, I visited Aunt Rose at Camden High School I went down and back with Carrie Drinkwater. There was only one session as it was so stormy. So school was out at one o'clock and I got home early. Played in house with Tommy Flagg this after-noon.

Sun. Nov. 21, 1926 Fair. Did chores Aunt Lizzie got home from a weeks vacation, She roasted 2 chickens for dinner had cranberry sauce, etc. Aunt Lizzie brought me an eraser and two flannel shirts and Uncle Ed sent me a jack-knife. We played out-doors about all day.

Wed. Nov. 24, 1926 Fair. Did chores. Went to school Our League had Election of Officers Charles Dena pres, Elizabeth Knight vice-pres, Raymond Oxton tres. and myself sect. Daddy came home before dinner from up-country where he went Mon. morning to take Grandma home

Fri. Nov. 26, 1926 Overcast. Did chores. Wrote diary. Daddy took Sister and I to Camden and he bought me a pair of new rubbers - then we staid with Aunt Rose while Daddy did his errands.

Sat. Nov. 27, 1926 Variable. Did chores. This morning just before ten - saw a rainbow from kitchen window, first time I ever saw one in the west. Wrote diary. Sister and I played outdoors for a few minutes and then it began to rain so we came in and played in-doors. Daddy went to Portland today, Amos Pitcher went with him, they got back just about supper time. This evening Mrs. Nellie Frohock, her sister Edith Duncan, and Mrs. A Herminius Frohock called on us and little later Arthur and Raymond Oxton and Stanton Collomer came up for a while.

Fri. Dec. 3, 1926 Fair but very cold the sink spout froze up for the first time this year but towards night it seemed a little warmer. Went to school both morning and afternoon. After school, brought up wood. Wrote diary did arithmetic and studied spelling.

Leslie said that in those good-old-days, before the plumbing we know today, sinks usually drained out through some wall into the great outdoors. The one at The Farm had no trap, and if there were any spots where water could stand, it would freeze.

Tuesday Dec. 7, 1926 Fair with the snow on the ground Went to school. Daddy got home from Portland today In Portland he bought a new Ford coupe and Stanton Collomer drove it home for him.

Saturday Dec. 11, 1926 Fair. Did chores. Played. Right after dinner Daddy took Aunt Lizzie, Sister and I in the Buick to Rockland. We stopped in Camden. We went to the barber's on Limerock St. and sister had her hair cut then we did some shopping for Christmas.

Sunday Dec. 12, 1926 Fair. Did chores. Sister and I "went fishing" in Aunt Lizzie's shopping bag for things we bought yesterday and then we made over our Christmas lists. Studied S.S. Lesson. Elizabeth Knight, Dorothy Stoddard, Virginia Clayter, Sister and I skied on the hill back of the schoolhouse in the afternoon. Got Sunday papers.

Fri. Dec. 24, 1926 Fair. Did chores Went to school this afternoon Aunt Rose visited school At our League meeting we had a literary program, Our teacher, Mrs Mahoney gave each one of us a Christmas present, mine was a baseball In evening Daddy took Aunt Rose Sister and I to Rockland we went to Depot and got Arthur Oxton We saw the Christmas tree with all the lights at the Elk's home in Rockland and the one in Camden at the Misses Porter's on High Street.

Sat Dec 25, 1926 Christmas Fair. Did chores. We had a big Christmas tree with lots of presents, I guess I liked the motor to go with the Erector best. We had a chicken and roast pork dinner with all the fixing, and Daddy bought oranges, grapes, grape fruit, mixed nuts and candy. After dinner sister and I played out doors with Elizabeth Knight, Dorothy Stoddard and her little cousin then when Aunt Rose started down the road to make some calls sister and I went a piece with her In evening we read in our new books.

When we were young, we still got a nice orange in the toe of our Christmas stocking.

Sun Dec 26, 1926 Fair. Did chores. Wrote up diary. Studied SS Lesson. Made list of Christmas presents (55 in all). Got Sunday papers. Played on sidewalk. Played in house. Late in afternoon Sister and I went over to see Elizabeth Knight for a little while. Wrote diary. Read.

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January 1st, 1927 Overcast with snow. Did chores. Wrote up diary. Played After dinner Sister and I went down to Miss Jessie Drinkwater on an errand for Aunt Lizzie, then we went over to see Lavon & Douglas' Christmas present. When we got home we went on another errand down to Mrs. Mahoney's. Played with Erector. Did diary & arithmetic.

This is the first of David's diary entries made with ink.

Sat, Jan 8, 1927 Cold - Pleasant. Brought up wood and kindling. Wrote up diary. Played in home most of forenoon, then had my new skates on for first time. After dinner had our new sled on the hill back of the school-house with Elizabeth Knight and Dorothy Stoddard. Sister could not play out doors with us today because she was sick. After supper got lessons then read till bedtime.

Sunday Jan. 9, 1927 Overcast. Did chores. Did S.S. Lesson from new quarterly from Home Dept. of Camden Baptist Sunday School. Wrote up diary and wrote some letters. Played in house Got Sunday papers. Played on sidewalk

This makes us wonder if somehow the Shore Church was a Mission of the Camden church.

Monday Jan. 10, 1927 Cold. Went to school. Brought up wood and kindling. After I wrote diary and did lessons - Aunt Lizzie played my new "Radio Game" with sister and I till bedtime.

Fri. January 14, 1927 Fair. Did chores. Went to school, had League meeting. Played in house. Did diary and lessons then read our paper "What to Do" till bedtime.

Fri. Jan. 21, 1927 Fair. Went to school, had League meeting. Daddy let me take a book on Palimentary Law to look at. Brought up wood and kindling. After supper played with cars then wrote diary, did lessons.

Not many nine year olds would be interested in Parliamentary law, but David was presiding over the School Improvement League meetings and probably wanted to follow the same rules as the adults.

Fri. Jan. 28, 1927 Fair. Went to school, as it was the last day there was eight visitors, we spoke pieces and teacher treated us to candy and peanuts. Did chores. Played in house. Wrote diary and studied lessons, then read till bed time.

Mon. Jan. 31, 1927 Sunshine. Brought up wood and kindling. Wrote diary. Sister and I got in some kindling from out-of-doors. Played in house. After dinner went skating with Frank Perry and Elizabeth Knight. Sister and Tommy Flagg played on the ice with Tom's cart.

There was a fresh water ice pond north of the brook, near the shore.

This photo was taken in 2006.



Tues. Feb. 1, 1927 Fair. Did chores. Wrote diary. Got in some kindling from out-doors. Played in house. Went skating. Elizabeth Knight played with Sister. Our League had a supper at Community Hall and Aunt Rose came up and went with us. When Daddy took Aunt Rose home Sister and I went also for the ride.

Wed. Feb. 2, 1927 Candlemas day, but it was fair so I suppose we must look for the worst of the winter yet to appear. Did chores. Wrote up diary. Played in house in morning and in afternoon we played on sidewalk with Frank Perry and Elizabeth Knight. Wrote diary and read one of my Christmas books, "Lost On The Moon."

Fri. Feb. 4, 1927 It snowed and blew all night and while the sun shone today still it had been cold and windy. Did chores. Played with Erector. I helped Aunt Lizzie fry doughnuts. In afternoon Frank Perry and Tommy Flagg came in and played a while with me. After supper wrote diary then read some in one of my Christmas books till bedtime.

Sun. Feb. 6, 1927 Snowstorm. Right after breakfast went up to Gus Warren's on an errand for Daddy. Daddy went down to the farm on an errand and I went also for the ride, then whittled in Garage all the rest of the forenoon. After an early dinner Daddy and Arthur started back to Portland in the Ford Coupe where he has found a job for a few weeks. Studied S.S. Lesson. Got Sunday papers. Brought up wood and kindling. Played with toys. After supper wrote diary, read and took my bath and went to bed. It has snowed all day long but not very much wind.



DAVID WHITTLING BY THE STEPS ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE GARAGE

Mon. Feb. 7, 1927 A beautiful, bright sunshiny day. Did chores. Wrote up diary and started letter to Daddy. Aunt Lizzie, Sister and I walked to Tommy Flagg's and we played with him while Aunt Lizzie called on Mrs. Pendleton. When we got back we went over to Stoddard's for a few minutes. In afternoon Sister and I went sliding with Dorothy Stoddard. In evening wrote diary and read till bedtime.

Wed. Feb. 9, 1927 Pleasant. Did chores. Wrote up diary and finished letter to Daddy. Went sliding with Elizabeth Knight and Dorothy Stoddard in forenoon. After dinner sister and I skied around home. Wrote diary and read in evening. Mrs. Barff came in to listen to the radio, just as sister and I were going to bed.

*We think that George must have found a good job down in Portland for over the winter.
He may have lived with Aunt Alice in Scarboro while he worked there.*

Sat. Feb. 12, 1927 Lincoln's Birthday Fair. We got some valentines from Aunt Mina. Did chores. Wrote up diary. Sister and I played in the snow with Frank Perry, Tommy Flagg, Elizabeth Knight, and Dorothy Stoddard. In evening wrote diary and read.

Monday February 14, 1927 St. Valentine's Day Snowstorm. I had to get up this morning to go up to Warren's to take up a telephone message from Belfast, and right after dinner I went again with a telephone from Camden. Went after the mail for Aunt Lizzie and got some things at the store. Did chores Played with Erector. Wrote diary. Read and answered History game questions.

Leslie said that carrying phone messages was not uncommon then. The Nichols household had two phones. The one upstairs was on the Camden exchange (8511), and one in the garage was on Lincolnville circuits. Many homes did not have phones in those days. Leslie said the kids had a similar chore about telegrams. The telegrams would be phoned to The Farm; Rose would write them down, and her foster kids would deliver to the Summer cottages.

Tuesday February 15, 1927 Snowstorm. Did chores. Got the mail. Shoveled some paths. Played with Erector. Got afternoon mail. Shoveled paths again as snow had filled them in. Wrote diary. *We wondered if he was shoveling the paths in front of the businesses at the Beach.*

Sun. Feb. 20, 1927 Blizzard. Did chores. Aunt Rose came up about noon to stay a day or two with us. Played with Erector in afternoon. Wrote diary after supper and then we had our Sunday School lesson with Aunt Rose for teacher.

We suppose that Aunt Rose must not have had school in Camden at that time either.

Mon. Feb. 21, 1927 Fair. Did chores. Sister and I went out doors after dinner and played in snow. In evening Mrs. Barff came in with her banjo and Aunt Rose played the mandolin

Tue. March 1, 1927 Fair. Did chores and writing. After dinner Sister and I went up to Tommy Flagg's and played with him. Wrote diary. In evening Mrs. Worster, Mrs. Foster, and Mrs. Barff came in and called on us and Sister and I did not go to bed till nine o'clock.

Saturday, March 12, 1927 Fair. Did chores. Finished clearing off sidewalk between here and Post Office. After dinner played on sidewalk with Sister, Frankie Perry and Thomas Flagg. After supper did diary, read awhile, took my bath and went to bed.

Thur. March 17, 1927 St. Patrick's Day Pleasant. Did chores and writing. Mrs. Blanche Tucinoe arrived this morning to spend the day with us. Played on sidewalk both morning and afternoon. After dinner Aunt Lizzie, Mrs. Tucinoe, Sister and I walked out through Sleepy Hollow and back. Wrote diary after supper.

It's wonderful to see how the women and children would take lengthy walks together.

Saturday March 19, 1927 Pleasant. This morning did chores and writing and after finishing changed clothes and played in house. After dinner went up to Tommy Flagg's and played with him. After coming home played on sidewalk with Tommy Flagg and Carl Tower. In evening wrote diary and read till bedtime.

Thurs. March 24, 1927 Pleasant. This morning did my chores. After dinner Sister and I played with Tommy Flagg. Carl Tower, William Munroe and Douglas Frohock. After supper wrote diary. In the mail tonight I received a booklet from Daddy all about "Old Ironsides" which he saw in Boston last Saturday. Mrs. Joseph Stoddard and Dorothy came in and spent the evening. Sister and I did not get in bed till nearly ten o'clock.

Sat. March 26, 1927 Fair. Did chores. After dinner Aunt Lizzie nailed a target on the shed door and gave us bows and arrows and we had a good time with them although we could not hit it much. After supper wrote diary and read till bedtime.

Mon. March 28, 1927 Fair. Did chores and writing. After dinner played on sidewalk with Frankie Perry on till it begun to rain, then came in and played with Erector. After supper wrote diary and read and learned the poem "Old Ironsides".

Memorizing poems was a common activity among our relatives. Aunt Rose and Leslie often shared poems they had learned.

April 1, 1927 Fair. Brought up wood and kindling then cut up some kindling down in the shed and Brought in some old boxes and sticks to be cut up for kindling. After dinner played out-doors with Tommy Flagg, Carl Tower, Frankie Perry, and Sister. After supper wrote diary and read till bedtime.

Sat. April 2, 1927 Fair. Did chores. After dinner played on sidewalk with Sister, Edna Collemer and Gladys Thomson. After supper wrote diary. We saw the Boston Boat coming down the bay tonight for the first time this spring.

Leslie said that The Boston Boats were the great white steamers that carried passengers and freight between Boston and Maine ports. They stopped in Portland, Rockland, Camden, and other towns all the way to Bangor. Uncle Joe LeBlanc shipped eggs to Boston that way. In the Winter, there was a freighter named Cornish which, though dependable, was not as glamorous.

Sun. April 3, 1927 Fair. Did chores this morning. Studied SS Lesson and Daddy got home from Portland. He came on the train to Rockland and Mr. Pray went down to meet him, He lost his pocket book on the train After dinner got the Sunday papers, then Sister and I played on sidewalk After supper wrote diary. Tonight Sister went to bed early for she expects to go back with Daddy in the morning and stay a couple of weeks or so with Aunt Alice in Scarboro.

It still must be mud season and no school, but traveling to the city seemed fine.

Mon. April 4, 1927 Fair. Sister and Daddy left about 3:00 AM. Did chores this morning. After dinner played on sidewalk with Gladys Thomson. After supper wrote diary and read my little paper that came today. Miss Aldrick came today. Mr Min Frohock died this afternoon.

Tuesday April 5, 1927 Fair. Did chores. This morning I went out in the yard and whittled, made some arrows that I will give Sister for her birthday when she gets home. After dinner went out of doors with Frank Perry, Tommy Flagg and Carl Tower. After supper wrote diary and read till bedtime. Lettie Law came home today. also Mr. & Mrs. Berry.

Wed. April 6, 1927 Fair. Did chores and split extra kindling. After dinner played on sidewalk with Tommy Flagg and Carl Tower. Had fish cakes for supper. After supper wrote diary and looked at pictures with the stereoscope. A few of the many interesting things that have happened on this date: Washington was chosen President 138 years ago today. Admiral Perry reached the North Pole 18 years ago today. The United States formally declared war with Germany 10 years ago today.

What he meant by stereoscope was probably stereopticon. We wonder if they had some sort of almanac that would list important dates in history.

Thur. April 14, 1927 Fair and windy - very cold. Went to school both morning and afternoon. After supper wrote diary and read my book "Dana's Boy".

Mon. April 18, 1927 Fair. Went to school. Did chores after school Tonight Mr. Llewellyn Drinkwater who drives the mail had to go back to Camden a second time and the second time he gave me a ride to Camden and back. Wrote diary and read till bedtime.

Friday April 22, 1927 Overcast with showers. Went to school both morning and afternoon. After I got home I brought wood and kindling then did some writing before supper. After supper played and wrote diary and read. Tonight over the radio we heard a program from "Dirigo Garage" the Garage of which daddy is manager then I took my bath and went to bed.

Now we know what George's job in Portland was.

Sunday April 24, 1927 Aunt Alice, Daddy and Sister arrived just before dinner about 2:30 Aunt Alice, Daddy and I started back to Portland and arrived in North Scarboro after 10:00 P.M. after stopping in Portland at the Dirigo Garage and a restaurant.

So now it is David's turn for a visit.

Wednesday April 27, 1927 This morning I went to the Sewing Circle with Arthur and Aunt Alice at the South Gorham Baptist Church where we had dinner and spent the afternoon.

We would feel sorry for any ten year old boy who had to go to a woman's sewing circle, but why would Arthur go? And - What happened to going to school?

Friday Apr. 29, 1927 Fair. Right after dinner I went with Arthur to Gorham where he is doing some trucking, then went to Westbrook with Arthur and got my hair cut.

Tuesday May 3, 1927 Pleasant. Played around the house. Tonight Nealie Tripp hung me a May Basket.

It was supposed to be the first day of May when children would make baskets and put flowers and hang them on people's door knobs and run and hide. It was sort of a reverse of our Halloween.

Wed. May 4, 1927 Soon after dinner Mr. & Mrs. Pray called on Daddy on their way home from Boston and he got them to bring me back with them, I had a nice trip and got home before six o'clock.

Saturday May 7, 1927 Fair. Wrote diary. Played around home with Sister and Frankie. Went up to Mrs. Frank Pendletons on an errand for Aunt Lizzie. Mrs. Helen Butler's funeral was this afternoon. After supper we were out doors for a little while then came in and read till bedtime.

Helen Butler was the wife of Ben Butler who lived at the farm just south of the Pillsbury's. Only the barn remains in 2010.

Sunday May 8, 1927 Mother's Day Sister and I went up to the cemetery with Aunt Lizzie to set out some pansies.

Pansies are still a flower that can be planted early in the season.

Tue. May 17, 1927 Fair! Went to school, I changed my seat. After school did chores. After supper wrote diary did arithmetic and read.

We wonder if David had grown enough to need a bigger chair or had been promoted to a higher level.

Wednesday, May 18, 1927 After school did chores. About six o'clock Daddy arrived with Aunt Alice, Arthur, Mrs. Emma Tripp, and her daughter Nealie, they left at about 8:30 P.M., Arthur stayed here and is going to keep the Garage open for a week or two.

This must have been while George was working in Portland, but it was getting to be car driving season.

Sat. May 28, 1927 At dinnertime took a telephone message up to Auntie Pendleton's. After dinner Frankie Perry came in and played with me. After supper did writing and read till bedtime. Tommy Flagg's father died tonight in the Belfast Hospital. He had a shock.

Auntie Pendleton refers to "Aunt Lizzie Pendleton" midwife at David's birth and where Tommy Flag lived. She was probably Tommy's Aunt.

Sun. May 29, 1927 After supper Aunt Rose, Uncle Gladstone, Aunt Winnie, Uncle Walter, Lawrence, Minnie and Harley Morrison came up and spent the evening.

Mon. May 30, 1927 Memorial Day Uncle Gladstone goes back to Somerville, Mass. Today. Uncle Walter, Aunt Winnie and Lawrence have taken Aunt Rose, Minnie and Harley Morrison on a long ride to Bar Harbor. This morning went down under the steps to play for first time this season, we also had cart for first time.

Maybe the mud had finally dried up.

Friday June 3, 1927 After school Arthur took Aunt Lizzie, Sister and I down to the farm, we walked down in the field and saw the new house that Mr. Cummings is building.
We are not positive which house this was.

Thursday June 9, 1927 Uncle Gladstone and Aunt Rose came up to supper tonight and we had hot dogs they didn't stay long after supper as Aunt Rose had school papers to correct.

Friday June 10, 1927 Uncle Gladstone came up for supper tonight and we had some steamed clams that Arthur dug this afternoon. He stayed all evening and we had a great time.

Sunday June 12, 1927 After dinner I walked down to the farm, later Arthur brought sister down and after supper Arthur closed the garage for the night he came for us in Daddy's truck. We had a great time with Uncle Gladstone down there and after Aunt Lizzie came down we all took a walk down to the shore to see the new house Mr. Cummings is building.

Wed. June 15, 1927 Daddy came home today in his Ford sedan to stay.

Either the job in Portland folded or George thought he could earn more at his own garage.

Thur. June 16, 1927 Went to school, had election of officers for "Isles View School Improvement League" Pres. D.A.N. V. Pres. Wm. R. Munroe Treas. Elizabeth Knight Sect. Annie Munroe After school played on shore both before and after supper.

Annie Munroe was William Munroe's sister; both children of W. J. Munroe at #2356 Atlantic Highway.

Friday June 17, 1927 Went to school for a little while this morning then went down on teacher's shore for a picnic to celebrate the last day of school. We had a very good time. Teacher gave us ice cream and Mr. Rila Matheus gave us soft drinks. After supper it rained - did diary then read till bedtime. Some of the people at the picnic besides the scholars were: Mrs. Helen Collemer and son Arthur, Mrs. Ernest Heal and daughter Sybil, Mrs. Grace Munroe, Mrs. Nellie Brown, Mrs. Ethel Frohock, Mrs. Lizzie Pendleton, Mrs. Gladys Mehent, Mrs. Fannie Claytor, Leslie Hall, Lucy Young's mother and little Abury Young, Mrs. Marion Barff, Helen Bush and Helen Huse,
Grace Munroe was W. J.'s wife and Lincolnville Beach's correspondent to The Camden Herald.
Nellie Brown would have been wife of Ralph Brown, proprietor of "Surprise Cabins" motel #2372 Atlantic Highway

Saturday June 18, 1927 Sister and I went down to the farm with Daddy and brought back a load of wood which we threw into the shed.

Tues. June 21, 1927 This morning went fishing with Uncle Guy up the stream for trout. Uncle Guy got three and in the afternoon Uncle Guy, Aunt Gertrude Sister and I went fishing over the wharf and caught a mess of flounders for supper. After supper Daddy gave us a ride in the Buick down to Rockport and home by the way of Beauchamp Point. When we got home from our ride Aunt Lizzie went over to Stoddard's and got some ice cream. We had two kinds, chocolate and strawberry.
Imagine Uncle Guy Nichols on vacation or not having work for at least two days mid-week.
The fishing wharf may have been the one that extended from what is now The Lobster Pound. By the time Leslie did much fishing at The Beach, he used the ferry terminal and caught flounders too.

Wednesday June 22, 1927 Uncle Guy and I went to dig some clams but did not have any success. After dinner went fishing with Uncle Guy, Aunt Gertrude and Sister over on the pier and got another mess of flounders for supper. I used a bamboo fish pole and caught my first fish! After supper we all went for a ride in the Ford to Rockland and around Pond and home through Rockville and West Rockport.

Do people have any luck digging clams or catching fish at the Beach nowadays ?
The pond mentioned is probably Chickawaukee, on your right just out of Rockland on Rte 17, now part of the local water supply.

Thurs. June 30, 1927 This morning I went down to Mrs. Pray's and got some rhubarb for Aunt Lizzie. After supper played on shore until nearly 7:30, there are long days now.

Sun. July 3, 1927 This morning Aunt Rose and our teacher (Mrs. Mahoney) started a Sunday school up to the schoolhouse. After Sunday School we walked home with Aunt Rose and after supper Aunt Lizzie walked down and spent the evening, later Daddy came down and gave us a ride into Camden coming back we left Aunt Rose and then came home.
They may not have had any pastor at this time but the women wanted to make sure the children still had their religious instruction.

July 6, 1927 Aunt Lizzie is fixing a window box and I got her some sand and dirt this morning. Did chores. Today we played in yard with Frankie Perry. Did diary and read. This evening Daddy closed the Garage we all went to Camden and Daddy bought Sister and I each a pair of sneakers and Aunt Lizzie had some plants given for the window box.

We were surprised that they had something called sneakers in the 1920's.

July 7, 1927 Mrs. Mahoney called on us and told us of a sail that Mr. Gus Meheut has invited all the school children and children and their parents on, but Aunt Lizzie thinks we can't go.
Poor David ! Vronnie thought David and Ruth did not always have a chance to do what other children were allowed to do. This may be one example.



AUNT ROSE (with black hat) AND OTHERS SAILING

Sun. July 10, 1927 Went to Sunday School this morning. I was elected President of my class. My teacher was Miss Orum. There was six in my class. After dinner got the Sunday papers for Daddy and the rest of the time played in house. After supper wrote diary. I had the scriptural reading of the 100th Psalm at S.S. this morning. The six in my class were: Frank Perry .V.P., Stanley Young, Treas., William Wright Sect., Wallace Frohock, and Albert Collemer and myself.

They are really committed to practicing elections and parliamentary procedure.

Mon. July 11, 1927 Fair and warm. Brought up wood I played in yard today. Sister is not feeling well. Daddy sold the Ford Sedan today. Aunt Lizzie has been putting up strawberries.

It seems like he did not have it for long. Could it have just been an investment meant to make a profit ?

Wed. July 13, 1927 This afternoon Aunt Lizzie gave me an ice cream cone and this evening Daddy sent me to get cones for Aunt Lizzie and D.A.N. - Good!

Wed. July 20, 1927 Played on shore After supper I went down to the farm with Aunt Lizzie and sister to a Grange Field Day. Heard Mr. Buzzell of Belfast speak for the primary law against the old caucus plan.

Just imagine a nine year old boy being interested in that !

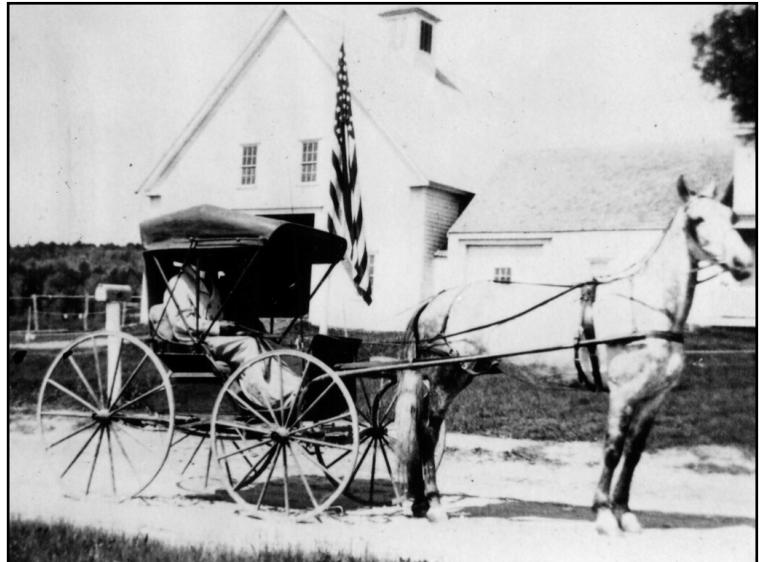
Thur. July 21, 1927 There's a crowd on the beach nearly every day at this time of year.
Would Lizzie or George be worried about the children playing near strangers visiting the Beach ?

Monday July 25, 1927 This afternoon Sister and I went to Tommy Flagg's birthday party had a good time, we had ice cream and a birthday cake and played lots of games, Played over on the shore till dark.

Wed. July 27, 1927 I stayed down to the farm till right after dinner when I walked home, Aunt Rose walked up as far as the sidewalk with me. Played on shore. Tonight Daddy took Aunt Lizzie Sister and I to Camden in his new Buick Sedan. We called on the Tucinoes and it was past eleven o'clock when we got home.

The sidewalk did not go all the way to the Pillsbury Farm. Heading north, it began just past the W. J. Munroe far on the left side of the road. At the top of the next hill, just beyond Raymond Oxton's, it changed to the shore side.

The new brick sidewalk was laid down in 2006.



THE MAIL CART

Fri. July 20, 1927 Sister came home from the farm with the mailman.

Sun. July 31, 1927 Sister and I went to Sunday School, My class is the "Knight of Honor" our teacher Mr. Harry Frohock. After Sunday School I went with Aunt Rose, she had some company: Aunt Winnie, Uncle Walter, Lawrence and a Mrs. and Mr. Dunphy and daughter June, I stayed all night.

*That was a quick change of teachers !
In Benton, Uncle Walter worked at Harry Dunphy's Store.*

Tues. Aug 2, 1927 Aunt Lizzie Sister and I went down to the Farm. Aunt Rose is having company: Cousin Alice Pierce of Wellesley, Mass. then Daddy brought us home from Rockland about 9:45.
Alice was a granddaughter of Captain Pillsbury.

Wed. August 3, 1927 This afternoon and evening played on shore with Sister and Harley McMinn.

Sat. Aug. 6, 1927 I had a birthday cake Had a good birthday and quite a lot of presents. Mrs. Manning gave a big book. - "Harpers Young People - 1887, harmonica from Sister, belt from Daddy, stockings from Daddy 2 pairs, tie from teacher, a card from teacher, h'd'k'f from Aunt Lizzie, twine for Erector from Aunt Lizzie, napkin holder from Aunt Lizzie, Youth's Companion from Aunt Lizzie, Baby Haymaker from Aunt Rose, blouse from Aunt Rose, 50¢ from Mrs. J. Clinton Thomson, two blouses from Grandma, two h'd'k'f from Grandma, 20¢ from Mr and Mrs Tucinoe, 2 cards from A.M.P.

Mon. Aug 8, 1927 After dinner played in house. After supper wrote diary, Later Aunt Lizzie took Sister and I to the moving pictures over in Community Hall, the picture was "Good as Gold".

Tues. Aug 9, 1927 Later Aunt Lizzie took Sister and I over to the Community Hall where there was a magician who did stunts and a man who played different musical instruments -- he also played on a carpenter's saw.

We wonder if they had special entertainments in the summer for the visitors.

Fri Aug 12, 1927 Helped Daddy in Garage after dinner then played on shore with Sister Frankie Perry and another boy named Chas. Quinn. After supper I went up to Miss Mannings and she gave me a book: Harper's Young People's for 1887.

Mon. Aug 15, 1927 Daddy took Aunt Lizzie Sister and I to Camden and called on Aunt Rose; Cousin Alice Pierce is still with her and she is sick, has ptomaine poisoning but is better now.

Tue Aug 16, 1927 After supper wrote diary, then read awhile till Daddy took Aunt Lizzie Sister and I to Camden on an errand, he also took Mr. Robert Berry and Mr. G. Loring Carver just for the ride.

Tue Aug 23, 1927 Rain. Did chores. I played in house most all day mostly with my haymakers outfit that Aunt Rose gave me on my birthday. After supper wrote diary and read my "Youth's Companion".

We can not imagine what a haymakers outfit would be.

Sat Aug 27, 1927 Overcast. I stayed down to the Farm till just after dinner. This afternoon Anita Flanders gave a party and Sister and I went. There were 28 or 29 there. The eats were good and we played games and had a fine time.



YOUNG DAVID ON A SWING AT THE FARM

Mon. Aug. 29, 1927 Rain. Did chores. School begun today, only 17 scholars present - the teacher is Mrs. Grace Mahoney, the same as last year. After supper wrote diary - did lessons then read till bedtime. This evening Auntie Pendleton and Mrs. Florence Mudd made us a short call.

Tues. Aug 30, 1927 Went to school, our supt. Mr. Barnes visited school today and he brought our class some new readers. After school played in house. After supper wrote diary and read.

Wed. Aug. 31, 1927 Daddy went to Portland today and brought us back two little yellow kittens from Aunt Alice. Did chores. Went to school. After school played on shore. After supper wrote diary, did lessons and read.

Fri. Sept. 2, 1927 Went to school, we had a League meeting, I am president again; Sister joined today; we had several visitors in school this afternoon: Miss Carrie Drinkwater and nephew, Stanley, Mrs. Susie Dean and Miss Geneva Mahoney.

Sun. Sept. 4, 1927 Sister and I went down to the field to call on the Cummings family who built a cottage there this summer; we both stayed all night with Aunt Rose.

Thur. Sept. 8, 1927 After supper wrote diary then Daddy took Aunt Lizzie, Sister and I down to spend the evening with Aunt Rose. She treated us to ice cream. Good! It was a lovely moon-light night and we staid on the piazza most of the time.

We assume that the ice-cream would have been made in the old hand-cranked device with ice and rock-salt.

Sun. Sept. 18, 1927 Sister and I went to Sunday School. Our lesson today was about Jesus Feeding the Multitude. There was nineteen present. Mrs. Mahoney had the boys' class and Miss Orum had the girls'. Just after dinner I went for the Sunday papers, then helped Daddy in Garage for a short time. Just before supper Mr and Mrs. Condon and their three daughters: Mary, Cleora and Bertha from Thomaston made us a short call. After supper Daddy took us to Camden and went to a Union Service at the M.E. Church, the sermon was by Reverend Mr. Smith and especially to the High School students.

Wed. Sept. 21, 1927 Today Daddy had a window put in the shed so it is easier to get wood after school. Tonight Daddy took Aunt Lizzie Sister and I to Rockland for a ride and Mr. and Mrs. Pray went with us.

The window would have been there to provide more light in the late afternoon.

Sun. Sept. 25, 1927 Sister and I went to Sunday-School this morning; it was Miss Oram's last Sunday for this Summer so the Sunday-School gave her a fountain pen.

Would Miss Oram have been a preacher or teacher, or just a regular summer person ?

Tuesday Sept 27, 1927 There is no school today because Mrs. Mahoney went to the Waldo Co. Teachers' Convention in Belfast today.

Mon. October 3, 1927 This evening we all went over to the Hall to a try-out of a new Post-card projector lantern that Miss Oram had given to the school. Daddy set it up for us. It's great.

Leslie remembered projectors like this and remembered making one out of a large cardboard box, a reading-glass, and a lightbulb. The light was reflected off the postcard and through the reading-glass to the screen (wall).

Wed. Oct. 5, 1927 About ten o'clock Daddy took Mrs. Mahoney, Aunt Lizzie Sister and I out to the Grange Hall to the Lincolnville Fair. We had dinner out there. Sister and I each had 25¢ to spend. There was a big crowd and we had a good time.

Sat. Oct. 8, 1927 Today I played in yard with Tommy Flagg, Elizabeth Knight and Gladys Thompson. This afternoon Mr. Geroge Everbeck, Mrs. Leonora Walles, Miss Effie Pitcher, Mrs. Carrie Waltz, Mrs. Fred Waltz and Aunt Rose called on us and we all went up to the cemetery. After they left Mrs. Richard Hammond made us a call.

The "Mrs. Leonora Walles" mentioned might be "Cousin Nonie"

Fri. Oct. 14, 1927 After supper Daddy took Aunt Lizzie, Sister and I to Camden and we went to the Grange Fair. It was a good program and a large crowd.

The neighboring towns had their own Granges and Fairs.

Sun. Oct. 23, 1927 Sister and I went Sunday School, I recited the 121st Psalm..... I learned to tie a four-in-hand necktie today.

Mon. Oct. 24, 1927 After school "teacher" made a short call. Wrote diary and did algebra after supper.

Remember that he is just ten years old and trying algebra.

Mon. Oct. 31, 1927 Went to school, had a Halloween party at school this afternoon with lots of fun; I recited "The Night Wind" by Eugene Field. After supper wrote diary and read my new book "David Goes to Baffin Land" written by thirteen year old David B. Putnam. This book I received as a prize for good attendance at Sunday-school this summer.

Sun. Nov. 6, 1927 Went to Sunday School. I was elected Treasurer as the one we had, Stanley Young, had gone to Camden for the winter.

Perhaps their Lincolnville cottage was not winterized enough.

Wed. Nov 9, 1927 Hurrah! The snow is here, it came today.

Fri Nov 11, 1927 Armistice Day Put on heavy winter union-suits today.

He didn't say "Hurrah" about that!

Sat Nov 12, 1927 Uncle Gladstone showed me about useing the nice drawing set that he has given me.

Thur. Nov. 17, 1927 We went to Armistice Day so we could have tomorrow off, so today is last day as we have all next week off. Teacher treated us to Candy and we had a little program at our League meeting.

So they were trying to lengthen the Thanksgiving week vacation.

Tue. Nov 22, 1927 Went up to Tommy's this morning and we got some red berries for Aunt Lizzie's window box.

Thur. Nov. 24, 1927 Thanksgiving Day Aunt Rose came up for the holiday. Had a roast chicken dinner with all the fixing. After dinner Aunt Rose Sister and I went for a walk and got some evergreen for Aunt Lizzie's window box. After supper wrote diary read a little, then sister and I undressed and Daddy covered us up on the front room couch and we listened to the radio till nine o'clock.

Fri. Nov. 25, 1927 Today we had a coal fire in the sitting room for the first time this season.
Two years ago the first lighting was on October 30th. We wonder if the Fall was warmer or coal was more expensive.

Sat. Nov. 26, 1927 This morning played in snow we had our sled out for first time this season.

Mon. Nov. 28, 1927 Tonight Mr. Gilbert came in to see Aunt Lizzie about some typewriting.

Wed. Nov. 30, 1927 When we came from school Geneva Mahoney was here using Aunt Lizzie's machine to do some typewriting.

Thur. Dec. 1, 1927 Daddy took Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert to Rockland just after dinner to take the train for New York where they will spend the winter.

Fri. Dec. 2, 1927 Went to school, had a league meeting: Election of Officer, Pres: D.A.N. - V Pres: Wm. Munroe Sect: Helen M. Young - Treas: Elizabeth E. Knight.

Mon. Dec. 5, 1927 Elizabeth Knight has appendicitis so she is not in school this week.

Thur. Dec. 8, 1927 We had a very high tide and more drift-wood on the Beach than I ever saw before. Snow all gone.



HIGH TIDE AT THE BRIDGE

Sat. Dec. 10, 1927 I brought some driftwood off the shore into the shed for kindling. After dinner went up to Frankie Perry's but he wasn't home so I came home and went up to Tommy Flagg's (who is sick with the grippe) to see how he is, then played in yard,

Mon. Dec. 12, 1927 When I came from school Mrs. Ethel Frohock and Mrs. Alta Warren were here but they soon left - then just before supper Mrs. Mahoney made a short call on us.... Later Daddy took us to Camden to do some shopping for Xmas.

Tue. Dec. 13, 1927 When Daddy came from Portland last Sat. evening he called on Uncle Guy in Bath and he sent us over a puzzle to do - its lots of fun to work on but its pretty hard to do. It is called "Dad's Puzzler".

Sat. Dec. 17, 1927 Fair. Did chores and other "Saturday - morning" jobs. After dinner Frankie Perry came down and we had a good time together in the snow on the hill back of school-house. Mr. Pray had "bake beans" with us. Later Daddy took us to Camden where Aunt Lizzie gave me \$.50 and I did some Christmas shopping while Sister stayed with Aunt Rose.

This does follow the custom of baked beans for Saturday.

Thur. Dec. 22, 1927 Fair. Went to school, most all of the scholars have colds. After supper wrote diary, did lessons then read a little, had a bath and went to bed.

Fr. Dec. 23, 1927 I have a bad cold today. We had a Christmas tree and entertainment at the school house, tonight and Aunt Rose came up from Camden and went with us.

Sat. Dec. 24, 1927 Very cold and a little snow. Did chores. Aunt Rose is staying up for over Christmas. Played in house today and this afternoon we helped Aunt Lizzie decorate our tree. After supper Daddy took us to Camden and afterwards we had our Xmas presents here at home.

Sunday Dec. 25, 1927 "Merry Christmas" Fair. Did chores. Played in house with new Christmas presents - mostly with my new erector parts. Just after dinner I went for the Sunday papers. Mr. Pray was here to dinner with us as well as Aunt Rose. Mr. Pray gave me a little Radio. After supper wrote diary, had Sunday School lesson, then read a little while.

Mon. Dec. 26, 1927 Just before dinner Uncle Walter, Lawrence and Harley Morrison came and Aunt Rose went back to Camden with them. We played in door yard. After supper Mrs. Mahoney came in to see our tree. Elizabeth Knight came in also and when she went home we went with her to see her presents. After supper wrote diary and read my new Christmas book, - "Through the Air to the North Pole."

Christmas Presents Dec. 25, 1927 - 1 coudroy pants from Daddy, 2 stockings ", 3 leggings ", 4 tennis racket from Sister, 5 pants from Aunt Lizzie, 6 suspenders ", 7 h'd'k'f ", 8 perfume ", 9 necktie ", 10 necktie pin ", 11 Book "Freckles" ", 12 Bow tie ", 13 Erector parts ", 14 Erector parts from Rose, 15 pocket comb & glass ", 16 fishline ", 17 dollar ", 18 belt with initial on buckle from Julia & Uncle Ed, 19 bug ", 20 Book: Strive & Succeed from Grace, 21 h'd'k'f from Alice, 22 toy wrecker from Uncle Gladstone, 23 toy tanker ", 24 toy racer ", 25 toy speed boat ", 26 compass ", 27 Erector ", 28 Through the Air to the N. Pole books from Cousin Alice, 29 Under the Ocean to the S. Pole, 30 Through Space to Mars, 31 stationary from Helen Ames, 32 Meteor Game from Eva Ames, 33 3 pencils (name on) from teacher, 34 box of candy from Mr. & Mrs. Warren, 35 pencil (eversharp) from Lawrence, 36 Testament from Miss Oram, 37 Dollar Bill from Mrs. Hallett, 38 Dollar Bill from Mrs. Inez Crosby, 39 Book from Grandma Martin, 40 Radio from Mr. Daniel S. Pray, 41 Book from Uncle Guy & Aunt Gertrude, 42 Book from Mrs. Clough

Among his Christmas presents is mentioned the book Freckles. Leslie remembered his mother reading from such a book. It was written by Gene Stratton Porter, and was about people in relation to nature and the great outdoors. A copy of that book was also at our house in Lynn.

Notice how excited David was to start reading his new Christmas book. When we were growing up, our Christmas presents from Uncle David were usually books.

Tue. Dec. 27, 1927 Fair. Back to school again. After school Frankie Perry and Osborne Wade Jr. came in with me to see our Christmas tree.

Wed. Dec. 28, 1927 Went to school this forenoon Taken ill at dinner and went to bed this afternoon instead of to school until Uncle Ben came. But he did not stay long – then Miss Nina Matthews called to see our tree and when school was out Edna Collemer and Ruth Wade came in with Sister to see our Christmas things.

Thur. Dec. 29, 1927 Damp – very wet under foot. Did chores. Went to school. Had test in geography and language.

Fri. Dec. 30, 1927 Weather same as yesterday if not worse. Thick fog. Went to school had civil government test.

We have to admire how the teacher managed all these topics at different levels in the one room school house.

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Sun. Jan. 1, 1928 New Years Day. Fair. Went to Sunday School. After dinner went for the Sunday papers, then up to Tommy Flagg's for a few minutes (he is much better). It has been almost as warm as summer all day. There is no ice in the creek – tonight is little colder.

Mon. Jan. 2, 1928 Cold. This morning I had a headache and didn't go to school but after dinner I felt better and went. Aunt Lizzie took the Christmas tree down today. Daddy and Stanton Collemer put some rat-poison up over-head today.

Thur. Jan. 5, 1928 Fair. Did chores. I had too much of a cold to go to school today. Stayed in bed most of forenoon.

Sat. Jan. 7, 1928 Sister had a doll party (with real tea) and she invited me, we had a fine time. While we were having our tea party Angie and Jessie Drinkwater called and while they were here Dorothy Keller came in also.

Tue. Jan. 10, 1928 Fair. Did chores. Went to school, had a league meeting. Mrs. Sarah David and Mrs. Ida Stoddard visited school and the league.

Thur. Jan. 12, 1928 School will close tomorrow for the long spring vacation a week earlier than it is supposed to because there is so much sickness in town – so we'll have an extra week on next term.

Fri. Jan. 13, 1928 After supper wrote diary and then read one of my Christmas books: "Strive and Succeed".

Sat. Jan. 14, 1928 Fair. Did chores. Got some kindling off the shore (there is no snow).

Mon. Jan. 16, 1928 Daddy started work in the "Mt. Battie Mill" tonight. The sink spout froze up today for the first time this year.

How depressing to look forward to other freeze-ups.

Tue. Jan. 17, 1928 Had just a little lunch at noon. Did not have dinner until 3:30 P.M. (When Daddy got up.) After supper wrote diary and read one of my Christmas books: "Through the Air to the North Pole" by Roy Rockwood.

So George must be working the late shift.

Wed. Jan. 18, 1928 After lunch Sister and I went out in the snow-banks and had a good time with Elizabeth, Gladys, Frankie Perry, and Tommy Flagg. Then came in and ate dinner and wrote diary and read my new book: "Under the Ocean to the South Pole".

Fri. Jan. 20, 1928 Read: "Through Space to Mars" then had bath and went to bed.

Sun. Jan. 22, 1928 Warmer – this morning just as the sun was coming up the thermometer in front of the Garage registered 20 degrees below zero, but as soon as the sun was really up it warmed up fast. *Yikes – How warm was it then ??*

Mon. Jan. 23, 1928 Daddy's birthday (Elizabeth Knight's also). After dinner Daddy took us to Camden where Sister and I got him a birthday present.

After we got back Sister went to Elizabeth Knight's party and I went sliding on the hill back of the schoolhouse, fell off my sled once, hit a fence post and landed on my back with my hat off!

Daddy went back to the mill tonight to work. After supper wrote diary and read another of my Christmas books: "Jolly Good Times" by Mary W. Smith.

In writing the journal, David experimented a little with forming paragraphs, but did not do it often..

Thur. Jan. 26, 1928 My "Youth's Companion" came tonight and I started reading it tonight. Also finished reading "Bob Chester's Grit" by Frank V. Webster.

Fri. Jan. 27, 1928 "Just about right" – sun shining and cool. After dinner Sister and I went out on the "hill" with Frankie Perry, Gladys Thompson, and Elizabeth Knight, we played that Frankie and I were Indians and we'd chase them on the hill with our sleds.

It seems like boys will always be interested in chasing girls.

Mon. Jan. 30, 1928 Read Frankie's book: "Tom Swift and His Wireless Message."

Tue. Jan. 31, 1928 Sister and I went up on the hill back of school house and we had good time sliding (but got quite wet). There was a funeral of one of our neighbors this afternoon: Mr. Emery French. After supper wrote diary and began to read another of my Christmas books: "Freckles" by Gene S. Porter.

Wed. Feb. 1, 1928 After dinner went on an errand up to Warren's. Mrs. Alta Warren called on us about supper time after supper wrote diary.

Lizzie added the following note "Alta's grandfather has just died at Sailor's Snug Harbor."

Sat. Feb. 4, 1928 Today Charles A. Lindberg the "Hero of the Air" celebrated his 26th birthday.

Wed. Feb. 8, 1928 Rainy, very slippery underfoot. Did chores. This morning played with drawing set. After dinner played with "Erector" after supper finished "Freckles" – now I finished reading all my Christmas books and some of Frankie's. Mrs. Alta Warren is doing some sewing for Aunt Lizzie and has been here twice today.

Thur. Feb. 9, 1928 There had been a little bird eating red berries in Aunt Lizzie's – window box several times today. I think he is a sparrow.

Mon. Feb. 13, 1928 Read Frankie's book: "Dr. Dolittle's Zoo" by Hugh Lofting.

Tue. Feb. 14, 1928 This morning Daddy took me in the woods with him when he went to haul out some wood.

Thur. Feb. 16, 1928 Read Frankie's book: "Dr. Dolittle's Circus" till bedtime.

Fri. Feb. 17, 1928 Alta Warren called with some of Aunt Lizzie's sewing. Daddy came from Portland just before dinner. Sister had a tea party and I went, we had sandwiches, cookies, tarts, and candy.

Sounds yummy to us.

Tue. Feb. 21, 1928 Daddy took Aunt Lizzie, Sister and I to Camden and we called on the Misses Brown on Free Street.

Sat. March 3, 1928 After dinner Daddy took Aunt Lizzie, Sister and I to Camden to do some shopping but we were only gone a very short time as Daddy wanted to get back – he had some men sawing wood down to the Farm.

Sun. March 4, 1928 After dinner got Sunday papers and took S.S. paper up to Frankie Perry also took up my “Youth’s Companion” and got his “American Boy”. Then after I got back played on sidewalk with Sister. After supper wrote diary and read Frankie’s book: “The Radio Boy’s First Wireless”.

Thur. March 8, 1928 Went down to Mr. Marion Drinkwater’s with Daddy to bring his Ford up to the Garage.

Mon. March 12, 1928 Daddy went to Town Meeting today. The following officers were elected: Select Men – first Joseph Mullen, 2d Lawrence Rankin, 3d Daddy – School Com. – A. T. H. Pitcher, Treas. – Horace Miller – Town Clerk – Horace Miller, Tax Collector – Fred Hardy.

Tue. March 13, 1928 Warm for the season, the roads are breaking up.

Thur. March 15, 1928 LaVon and Douglas Frohock gave Sister and I a ride in their pony-cart, Tommy Flagg drove it.



DOUGLAS FROHOCK AND HIS PONY AND HIS MOTHER

Sat. March 17, 1928 Fair. On “St. Patrick’s Day in the morning”. I did my chores and played in the house. On “St. Patrick’s Day in the afternoon” Daddy took Aunt Lizzie, Sister and I to Camden to do some shopping.

We think the quotes must have been from a song.

Sun. March 18 1928 Mr. Pray was here for dinner, we had beet greens and meatballs. After supper wrote diary and started to read Frankie’s book: “Tom Swift and His Electric Rifle”.

Tues. March 20, 1928 The calendar says today is the first day of spring – and it is springlike. As President I called a meeting of the school improvement league here this evening but there was not enough come to hold a meeting. Those that did come were Colin, Mrs. Mahoney, Miss Nina Matthews, Tommy Flagg, and William Munroe (Bill is Vice President).

It's still amazing that those adults came at the call of a young child.

Wed. March 21, 1928 Read Frankie's book: "Tom Swift and His Flying Boat" by Victor Appleton.

Fri. March 23, 1928 Mr. Robt. Berry drove into the Garage from Florida just after supper tonight.
Could this be someone who spent their winter in warmer regions ?

Sat. March 24, 1928 Changeable. Windy. Hailed in morning. Sunshine in afternoon. Aunt Lizzie called on Mrs. Wooster and Miss Foster.

Sun. March 25, 1928 The ice went out of the creek today.

Sun. April 1, 1928 April Fool are you one?

Mon. April 2, 1928 First day of school. Pleasant. Did chores. Went to school. Two new scholars: Stanley Drinkwater and Willard Brown. After supper Aunt Lizzie, Sister and I walked down to see Mrs. Hazel Brown, she showed us some little bunnies, only a week old. Also some baby chickens. Mrs. Nellie Brown was there also.

Wed. April 4, 1928 Mrs. Rose Heal was here when I got home from school tonight. Daddy started assessing today.

Selectmen also served as assessors.

Fri. Aril 6, 1928 After school Aunt Rose came up to help us celebrate. Aunt Lizzie got Tommy Flagg to dig a mess of clams 'cause Sister and Aunt Rose both like them steamed for supper, and there was a birthday cake with candy and candles on it.

It was Ruth's birthday. When she was an adult, she had fried clams, but not steamed.

Sat. April 7, 1928 Daddy got back from Portland, he says the roads are in a very, very bad condition, many cars are stuck in the mud.

Easter Sunday April 8, 1928 Sunday School started today after a two month vacation and Sister and I went. There were 21 present. After dinner got Sunday papers, later went after Daddy where the Lombard tractor was pulling a large standard oil truck out of a bad place in the road. Most every car gets stuck today.

Mon. April 9, 1928 Went to school. Edith and Raymond Drinkwater left our school today to attend the center school.

Wed. April 11, 1928 Mr. A. F. Barns, the superintendent visited school today.

Fri. April 13, 1928 Went to school. Had League meeting – we voted that the executive committee draft a constitution.

Tue. April 17, 1928 Went to school. The executive committee met this afternoon and I was elected chairman. After supper wrote diary and read. Daddy was out to Mr. Mullen's again this forenoon but he is not going tomorrow.

Thur. April 19, 1928 Patriots Day, so no school. Daddy has gone to Mr. Mullen's today.
Since Maine was originally part of Massachusetts, they must have celebrated our holiday.

Sun. April 22, 1928 Snow! Did chores. Went to Sunday School, the lesson was about "me" (the Shepherd).

Tue. April 24, 1928 Had another meeting of the executive committee of the league and drafted four articles.

Thur. April 26, 1928 After supper Daddy cut my hair and I wrote diary. Later Aunt Lizzie, Sister and I went to down to Mrs. Mahoney's and called on her in her new home.

Lizzie added the note Formerly the Roger's house.

Fri. April 27, 1928 Had a league meeting and spelling match. (Lavon outspelled us.)

Tue. May 1, 1928 Showery all day. Mrs. Eunice French called.

Sat. May 5, 1928 After dinner Llyod Pitcher took Aunt Lizzie, Sister and I to Camden in Daddy's Ford. Later Sister and I again played on sidewalk with Elizabeth Knight, Gladys Thompson, and Geneva Mahoney.

Sun. May 6, 1928 Foggy this morning but cleared up fine in an hour or two. Mr. Pray and Merritt Carver took the stove out of the front room for Aunt Lizzie. Went to Sunday School had 36 cents collection.

Tue. May 8, 1928 Aunt Lizzie is cleaning the living room. Today she has laid down a new Congoleum Art Square and put new green shades at the windows.

Wed. May 9, 1928 Beautiful day. Sister and I are getting up earlier mornings now – about 6:45 since Daddy is working Rockland at the Atlantic Highway Garage. He has to leave here early every morning usually 6:30.

We don't understand the timing of this.

Sun. May 13, 1928 Went to Sunday School, 20 present, had nice Mother's Day program.

Fri. May 18, 1928 Had League meeting and adopted new constitution. Also changed the name to Pine Tree School Improvement League.

Sat. May 19, 1928 Played with Richard and Carolyn Hopkins on their grandfather's shore. Then Amos Pitcher took Sister and I with him down to the Farm to get a load of wood.

Wed. May 23, 1928 There was a special town meeting this afternoon and Aunt Lizzie went. It was about building the road from Beach out by "Young Town" and by Lawrence Rankin's place.

Sat. May 26, 1928 Aunt Rose came up this morning on the mail car and took some wreaths that Uncle Gladstone had sent, up to the cemetery, then she stayed with us till the mail went down this afternoon, she has a sore thumb! After supper wrote diary, then Sister and I played dominoes till bedtime. Put on summer union suits today.

Tue. May 29, 1928 Went to school. Took a "State" test.

Wed. May 30, 1928 No school. Amos Pitcher took Aunt Lizzie, Sister and I up to the cemetery and left us, coming home we got a ride with Mr. Loring Carver.

Sun. June 3, 1928 Went to Sunday School, wore thin blouse for first time this season. After dinner got Sunday papers and went up to Frankie's to exchange magazines with him.

Thur. June 7, 1928 Fog has hung overhead all day. Only had few chores to do as Sister did most of them. All scholars (except the eighth grade) were dismissed today and Elizabeth E. Knight, Annie A. Munroe, and myself took "State of Maine High School Entrance Examinations" – I hope we pass. *Note that David won't be 11 until August. That is the typical age for a fifth grader today.*

Fri. June 8, 1928 Daddy brought me a new pr. of "Keds" and a new pair of good shoes. Uncle Ben was here and stayed all night. I did not see him as he left before I was up. But he left me four books.

Sun. June 10, 1928 Went to Sunday School, I had a recitation: "The Spacious Firmament". Today was "Childrens' Day", and there were 15 present. After dinner went to Mr. Dearborn's Store for the Sunday papers.

Wed. June 13, 1928 Aunt Lizzie visited school for a while this forenoon. This afternoon we didn't have much for lessons but cleaned the schoolhouse getting it ready for the men who are going to work on it after school is done.

Thur. June 14, 1928 Mr. Thurston of Rockland began today to sell gas, oil, and grease in Daddy's garage.



THE NEW AND OLD GARAGES

Fri. June 15, 1928 Last day of school – had a picnic on Carver's shore – Teacher treated us with ice cream.

Sat. June 16, 1928 After supper called on Mrs. Mandie Duncan and her sister, Mrs. Laura French.

Sun. June 17, 1928 Went to Sunday School as usual. Mrs. Mahoney was not there today but Mrs. Ethel Frohock took her place.

Maybe Mrs. Mahoney got some time off after school got out.

Tue. June 19, 1928 The Standard Oil people took away their gas pumps today and Mr. Thurston put in one for Colonial Gas.

Wed. June 20, 1928 This morning about 5:50 four moose took a stroll around the Beach then up across the marsh and we saw them.

Sat. June 23, 1928 Amos Pitcher took Aunt Lizzie, Sister and I to Camden to do some shopping. We met Aunt Rose down there and she went with us. Aunt Lizzie bought a new hat for herself and one for Sister.

Sun. June 24, 1928 The last part of afternoon I cleaned up the shed.

Mon. June 25, 1928 After supper (we had French toast M! M!) wrote diary and Miss Rose Harrington made us quite a call this evening. I have a new pair of overalls today.

Tue. June 26, 1928 The Democratic National Convention began today down in Texas, the Republican National Convention began on June 12th in Kansas.

Note that David later served as Maine state committee chairman for the GOP. He started his interest at the age of ten.

Sat. June 30, 1928 This afternoon and evening Aunt Rose entertained the Elm Street Reading Club of which she is a member at the Farm and this evening Aunt Lizzie, Sister and I went down to it. We had a fine time and I stayed all night with Aunt Rose.

Mon, July 2, 1928 Aunt Lizzie is sick today. Ice cream in the P.O. today. First this season.

Tue. July 3, 1928 Daddy came home this evening and brought us some fire crackers.

Wed. "Fourth O' July" '28 After dinner Aunt Lizzie, Sister and I got a ride with Mr. Warner down to the Farm where we spent the afternoon with Aunt Rose. We three had a shampoo. Then Sister and I went in wading at the brook. Mr. and Mrs. Willis Young with their two daughters Margaret and Edna made us a short call. We had supper on the piazza and started for home at 7:45. Stanton overtook us and brought us home for the "Fourth" we had fire crackers, torpedoes, and cap pistols.

We wonder what was special about Lizzie, David, and Ruth having a shampoo at the farm. Could it have been in preparation for the upcoming wedding party?

Thur. July 5, 1928 Went barefoot for a while.

Sat. July 7, 1928 Aunt Rose was married to Joseph D. LeBlanc of Camden in Rockland.

Sun. July 8, 1928 Uncle Walter stopped her this morning and took Sister and I down to the Farm. Uncle Walter, Aunt Winnie, two friends of theirs, Laurence, Aunt Rose and Uncle Joe were there. Aunt Lizzie came down later.

Mon. July 9, 1928 Daddy took me down to Rockland where he works today. We started about 6:30 AM. We had dinner at "Newbert's Lunch". After dinner I had a ride up to Camden and back with one of the men who works for Daddy. Came home 'bout 6:00 PM. Had a good time.

Sat. July 14, 1928 This afternoon Stanton Collemer took Aunt Lizzie, Sister and I to Camden to do some errands and we made short call on Minnie Morrison.

Sun. July 15, 1928 After dinner went to church with Sister and Aunt Lizzie. Rev. Mr. Hayden of the Episcopal Church was the speaker – went to Sunday School after church had 1.57 collection.

Tue. July 17, 1928 I guess it is the hottest day this year. Played around and sweat all afternoon.

Wed. July 18, 1928 Played around home it was too hot to have much fun. Late in afternoon played on shore. This evening Daddy took us to Camden and we called on Mrs. Nord Haskell. Mrs. Ethel Frohock went with us. She is related to Mrs. Haskell. Miss Adah McCobb made a very sort call in the afternoon.

Thur. July 19, 1928 This morning for the first time this year, Aunt Lizzie went over on the shore with us and Sister and I went in bathing. The water was great.

Fri. July 20, 1928 After dinner Frankie Perry and I helped Teacher get the school house ready for the men who are to repair it. After supper Daddy took us to Camden and we called on the Barbours on Washington Street.

Sat. July 21, 1928 Read "The Lost Chums" by Frank Dixon. (Aunt Rose and Uncle Joe sent me the book as a souvenir of Winter Harbor, Maine.)

Tue. July 24, 1928 After supper Daddy took us to Camden and we called on Aunt Rose on Mechanic Street.

Thur. July 26, 1928 Played on shore with Douglas and Katherine Coombs.

Sat. July 28, 1928 Stanton took Aunt Lizzie and Aunt Rose, Sister and I to Camden. Aunt Lizzie bought two geraniums and a heliotrope plant for her window box.

Sun. July 29, 1928 Aunt Rose came up and went to church.

Aunt Lizzie noted that Mr. Smith of the Camden Methodist Church was the speaker.

After supper wrote diary and Aunt Lizzie, Sister and I went to church. The Pinkam brothers who are studying for the ministry were the speakers.

Wed. Aug. 1, 1928 Fair. Was at the farm all day today with Aunt Rose. Frankie Perry was down this afternoon with me and went away to the top of the mountain. About supper time Miss. Ellen Pillsbury came (*Aunt Lizzie added "from Waterville"*) along with a lady friend to see Aunt Rose and they brought me home about 7:00.

In 1964 Aunt Rose took her great nieces to visit Ellen in Waterville on her way to see her alma mater, Colby College.

Fri. August 3, 1928 Sister and I went in bathing this morning, Tommy Flagg was in too. After dinner (which we ate on the shore) played in yard until it began to rain, then of course we played indoors. After supper the lights went out so we couldn't read.

There might have been a power failure due to electric storms.

Sun. Aug. 5, 1928 Aunt Rose came up about 2:00 but as it began to rain, we didn't go to church. *So they must not have had access to a closed-in car.*

Mon. August 6, 1928 My eleventh birthday. Sister and I played on shore with Frankie Perry and Wendell McCloud. Aunt Lizzie, Aunt Rose, Sister and I had a picnic on shore. After dinner Aunt Rose, Sister, Frankie Perry and I went in bathing on Carver's Beach with Mrs. Hazel Brown and a Miss Brown. Mrs. Nelly Drinkwater and Mrs. Mary Witaker were on the Beach. After supper wrote diary. Had nine birthday presents and 6 spankings and two birthday cards.

1. pocketbook	from	Sister
2. Bathing suit	"	Aunt Rose
3. toy aeorplane	"	" "
4. white shirt	"	Aunt Lizzie
5. 2 bow ties	"	" "
6. pr. suspenders	"	" "
7. 5 <u>pens in box</u>	"	" "
8. 3 pant hangers	from	Daddy
9. 2 pr stockings	"	"
10. Book "Old Ironsides"	"	"
20 cents from Merritt Carver		for ice cream for Sister

Fri. Aug. 10, 1928 After dinner Sister and I played outdoors again with Tommy Flagg and "Tony" Kerrigan (a summer visitor from Cuba).

Sun. Aug. 12, 1928 After dinner Aunt Lizzie, Sister and I went to church (Rev. Mr. Holman of the Camden Baptist Church was the speaker) and Sunday School. After supper Daddy took us to Camden where we went to church it was a Union service at the Baptist church and later we called on Blanche Tucinoe till Daddy came for us.

Tue. Aug. 14, 1928 Hot some say it was 100 degrees. Did chores. It is too hot to do anything, just lolled around and sweat all morning.

Sun. Aug. 19, 1928 After dinner Aunt Lizzie, Sister and I went to church and Sunday School. Rev. Mr. Mark of Somerville was the speaker. There were 31 at church and only 11 at SS. Daddy was at home all today for the first time this summer.

Mon. Aug. 20, 1928 Today is the fair at community hall. Two ladies from Camden, who came up the fair, called on Aunt Lizzie this afternoon; they were - Miss. Jessie Davies and Miss. Quigley.

Tue. Aug. 21, 1928 Mrs. Hattie Medall and a little Johnson boy made us a short call.

Wed. Aug. 23, 1928 Mrs. Rose Heald called just at suppertime. She brought Aunt Lizzie a fragrant pine pillow. *One of the treats for us when we return to Lincolnville is to savor the fragrance of the balsam pillows in the local shops.*

Thur. Aug. 23, 1928 Was roller skating over to the hall a little while with Russell Ames.
Was this inside the hall?

Mon. Aug. 27, 1928 School was supposed to begin this morning but the oil was not dry on the new floor at the schoolhouse we didn't have to go. After dinner Daddy took Aunt Lizzie, Sister and I to Rockland where we did some shopping then called on Cousin Golden Munro and her mother and children. They live at 47 Grace Street.

Wed. Aug. 29, 1928 Played in house all the forenoon as the dooryard is all messed up. Daddy is having a new gas tank put in. He will now sell Ethyl as well as Colonial beginning today. Miss Oram went away today. Lloyd took her to Rockland this morning. We shall miss her very much in our Sunday School.

Sun. Sept. 2, 1928 Daddy has a new boy in the Garage this week from Rockland. He calls him "Gib". He has his dinner and supper with us. The boy's real name is Gilbert Anderson. Uncle Ed, Aunt Julia, and Uncle Gladstone went fishing this morning down on Hill's shore. They caught 26 cunners and Uncle Ed found Teddy Talbot in Griffin's boat house. *We wonder if this was a lost child or an escaped man.*

Tue. Sept. 4, 1928 Went to school first day for this fall – 31 scholars. We have the same good teacher – Mrs. Grace Mahoney. Our school room had been all done over new. It's fine. There is a school team this term driven by Mr. Roy Brown.

Sun. Sept. 9, 1928 After dinner Aunt Lizzie, Sister and I went for a walk over where the old ship yard and lime kilns used to be, (*This might have been located by Ducktrap.*) when we came back, we found Aunt Mae over here on the shore looking for us with Golden, her four children and her Aunt Alice and Uncle Charles Patterson. The four children's names are Dorothy, Madeline, Albert, and Esther Munro.

Wed. Sept. 12, 1928 After school played in house with our new kitten that Mr. Geo. Collemer gave us.



Thur. Sept. 13, 1928 After supper Elizabeth Knight was here for a few minutes and we looked us some things for the school league to send for.

Fri. Sept. 14, 1928 Went to school. Aunt Lizzie visited school this afternoon and was present at the league meeting. Lavon Frohock our newly elected Pres. Went home so the Vice-pres. Gladys Thompson presided at the meeting.

Mon. Sept. 17, 1928 They are putting in electric lights in the schoolhouse.

Thur. Sept. 20, 1928 Sister and I played geographical lotto till bedtime.

Fri. Sept. 21, 1928 Had a school improvement league meeting at which our newly Pres. resigned so the V. Pres. now fills that place.

Mon. Sept. 24, 1928 After school helped Daddy in the Garage. Carl Carlson is digging ditch in the dooryard today.

What is the ditch for?

Wed. Sept. 26, 1928 Went to school had electric lights on this morning for first time.

Thur. Sept. 27, 1928 Went to school, Raymond Oxton visited. Uncle Ben came today and had dinner with us then he and Daddy went to Union to the fair. They got back about 8:00 and Uncle Ben stayed all night with us.

Fri. Sept. 28, 1928 Mrs. Gus. Meheuit and Mrs. Alton French visited the league today. Daddy has put a pump in the pantry sink today. I'm glad because it will save me much work.

Sun. Sept. 30, 1928 After supper Daddy took Aunt Lizzie, Sister, and I to Camden to a union service at the M. E., it was student's night.

Tue. Oct. 2, 1928 A genuine sunny October day. Read my new book "Speedy" based on comedy by Harold Lloyd novelized by Russell Holman, that Daddy brought me from Portland.

Wed. Oct. 3, 1928 After dinner Stanton took Aunt Lizzie, Sister and I in Daddy's Ford to the fair in the Grange Hall at the Center. Mrs. Geo. Dearborn went with us. I had good time.

Thur. Oct. 4, 1928 No school today as the Waldo County's teacher convention met in Belfast.

Sun. Oct. 7, 1928 After dinner Mrs. Susie Condon and her three daughters, Mary, Cleora, and Bertha made us a short call. Just after they left, Aunt Rose and Uncle Joe (who came home yesterday) spent most of the afternoon with us.

Tue. Oct. 9, 1928 After supper wrote diary did lessons, studied poem "Behind him lay the gray Azore". I am learning it to recite on Columbus Day at our league meeting.

Thur. Oct. 11, 1928 After dinner Daddy took Aunt Lizzie, Sister and I to Camden and we went to the movies to see "Old Ironsides". It was good.

Fri. Oct. 12, 1928 Went to school, had a League meeting had a spelling match. I was on Wm. Porter's side and we won.

Sun. Oct. 15, 1928 After supper wrote diary and went to bed early feeling bum today. Daddy sold his Ford Sedan to Uncle Joe. Aunt Rose is having a bad time this last week with ivy poisoning.

Mon. Oct. 16, 1928 After supper took my cart up to Warrens to get some shelled beans that Aunt Lizzie and Sister helped to pick. Then I took my cart up the road and Mrs. Pray gave me a load of apples. *Leslie said they had great big juicy apples.*

Thur. Oct. 18, 1928 Went to school, our class is starting a news paper: "The Pine Tree News".

Fri. Oct. 19, 1928 Went to school, had League meeting and there was a nice program of recitations, listened to musical. Mrs. Mahoney recited "The Smack in Scheep" for us.

Sat. Oct. 20, 1928 After supper Daddy took Aunt Lizzie, Sister, and I to Camden to a surprise party for Aunt Rose and Uncle Joe at the Grange Hall. They gave them a pretty floor lamp and we played games listened to music, had refreshments and didn't get home till eleven o'clock.

Sun. Oct. 21, 1928 After dinner went over to Dearborns store after the Sunday papers. Daddy put potatoes in the cupboard for the first time this year.

Looks like winter was coming.

Friday Oct. 26, 1928 Went to League meeting with nice programme, the programme was practically the same as last week's as we were requested to repeat it. We had quite a number of visitors, Miss Reardon, Miss Hackett, Mrs. Packard Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Roy Brown and her youngest boy, Anna Carlson, Clara Clough and Mrs. Geneva Collemer.

Sat. Oct. 27, 1928 I helped Daddy considerable today. Daddy and Floyd Pitcher put the stove in the sitting room tonight, it is pretty cold nights and mornings. Mr. Munroe brought us ice today for the last time this year.

Sun. Oct. 28, 1928 Rained hard. Put on winter union suit this morning for first time year. Did chores. Studied SS Lessons but there was no SS as it was so stormy, In the afternoon just hung around.

Last year the schedule was the same. He put on his winter union suit the day after they used the stove.

Tues. Oct. 30, 1928 Colder; frost on the windows this morning for the first time this year, also ice along the edge of the creek. Aunt Lizzie showed Sister and I how to play Parachessi.

Fri. November 2, 1928 After school Daddy took Sister and I to Camden for her haircut. After supper we went to the Halloween entertainment at the schoolhouse given by the League. Aunt Lizzie went with us in the evening and took a cake for sale. We had quite a long program, I was in two dialogues and Sister was in one dialogue and she spoke "Orphan Annie". After the entertainment there was ice cream, cake and candy for sale. It was a success. We cleared about twenty two dollars and then we were given three dollars besides.

Tues. November 6, 1928 Today was election day and Daddy has been at the polls all day as he is a selectman and has to stay and count votes and Herbert C. Hoover Republican, was elected president by nearly a 7-1 majority of Alfred E. (Al) Smith, his Democratic opponent. We had a mock-election in school, the Republicans winning there also.

This would not be a surprise in Republican Maine.

Wed. Nov. 7, 1928 Daddy got a new stove of Mr. Warren today for our sitting room.

Thursday Nov 8, 1928 Went to school. Mr. Barnes, our superintendent, visited school this afternoon.

Fri. Nov. 9, 1928 Went to school, last day, teacher treated us good too!! Aunt Lizzie visited school this afternoon, also Mrs. Mabel Alexander and Charlie Dean.

Tues. Nov. 13, 1928 Visited Camden High School with Aunt Rose today. We had to walk down from the Farm as Uncle Joe couldn't start his Ford (cold), so we were a little late at school. I visited Freshman classes mostly with Geo. Rankin who went to school with us, here, at the "Beach", one while. They were interesting. Came home tonight on the mail, Aunt Rose had to come up to the Farm for something and we walked till the mail overtook us near Griffin's.

Thur Nov. 15, 1928 Uncle Ben staid here last night, and this morning he left and took Sister with him, she will visit Aunt Alice in Scarboro for a few days. After dinner I went up to Tommy Flagg's and played with him, Frankie Perry was there too. After supper Aunt Lizzie and I went down to Mrs. Mahoney's where there was a surprise party for Mr. & Mrs. Harry Collemer (*Mrs. Harry Collemer was Geneva Mahoney.*) They played games and refreshments were served and then the last thing they presented them with a chest of drawers and a rocking chair and a rug. We didn't get home till after midnight.

Sun. Nov. 18, 1928 Got up about 3:30 and about 4:00 we started for Portland. Daddy took Aunt Lizzie and I also Mrs. D.S. Pray. We arrived about 8 oclock at Aunt Alice's Scarboro. Had a good dinner and left for home about 2 oclock bringing Sister with us. Coming through Portland we saw Longfellow's old home also the house where he was born. I had my first experience in closing the Carlton Bridge at Bath today.

Mon. Nov. 19, 1928 We had a visitor today who induced us to get a subscription for the Farm Journal.

Tue. November 20, 1928 Went to school, had Elections of Officers as our League meeting: Pres. Elizabeth Knight; Vice-Pres., Frankie Perry. Sec. Ruth Nichols; and Treas. Annie Munroe.

Thur. Nov. 22, 1928 Snow!! For first time this season. Hail! And rain also, quite a variety! O the sun shone some.

Thur Nov. 29, 1928 Thanksgiving Did chores. Helped Daddy this forenoon, Had a chicken dinner with all the fixings. Aunt Rose and Uncle Joe came up just before dinner to celebrate with us.

Sat. Dec. 1, 1928 We had quite a storm last night and it snowed then turned to rain but it was the wind that made it bad, it blew over signs and made a great racket but it has cleared off and by the middle of the this forenoon the sun came out.

Fri. Dec. 7, 1928 Went to school had League meeting. Mrs. Nellie Brown, Mrs. Hazel Brown and Mrs. Ethel Frohock visited school this afternoon.

Sat. Dec. 8, 1928 After dinner a bunch of us boys went skating down on Beach Pond. "Twas the first time I'd been skating this year.

Sun. Dec. 9, 1928 After dinner Daddy took us to Camden where we called on the Uptons while Daddy took Mr. Guy Upton to ride. Mr. Pray had supper with us today, we had fried scallops.

Fri Dec. 21, 1928 Sister and I got excused from school and came home and Daddy took us with Aunt Lizzie to Rockland, where we called on Mrs. Griffin on James St. and then went downstreet to do some Xmas shopping, saw all the pretty decorations especially Elk's Home and the store at Senter-Crane Co., then we went to the Trainer's Restaurant for supper and saw Santa Claus at Burpee's Furniture Store, then took the trolley up to Atlantic Highway Garage and came home with Daddy about 10 P.M.

Mon. Dec. 24, 1928 Went to school, this afternoon had Christmas program and then a tree and Santa Claus (Harry Frohock), there was quite a number of visitors. After supper helped decorate our tree here at home.

Tue. Dec. 25, 1928 Got lots of nice presents. Aunt Rose and Uncle Joe came up to celebrate with us. Had roast chicken dinner with lots of fixings. Miss Rhodes was in to see our tree and presents; she brought Aunt Lizzie some rose buds yesterday for her window box. They look very pretty with the evergreen boughs.

Wed. Dec. 26, 1928 Went to school. Frankie came in after school to see my presents and the Christmas tree. After supper wrote diary and Elizabeth Knight came in to see our tree and presents then staid and played some of our new games with us; her aunt Mrs. Hurd came over later and they both staid till after ten o'clock. When Daddy came tonight he brought "Gib" Anderson with him to stay all night and drive a car down in the morning.

Thur Dec 27, 1928 Went to school. Osborne Wade came in tonight after school and saw our presents. Edna Collemer and Bertha Carlson came in with Sister to see our Christmas tree and presents and Mrs. Ethel Frohock, also Miss Foster and Mrs. Wooster were in just a few minutes before supper.

Sat. Dec. 29, 1928 Did all my "Saturday" chores. This afternoon I went up to Frankie Perry's and saw his presents. Elizabeth Knight and LaVon Frohock came in late this afternoon to see our tree, also Mr. Gus Warren. Daddy came home tonight to supper after which he took Aunt Lizzie, Sister and I to Camden where we did some shopping, then called on Mrs. Haskell, didn't get home till nearly midnight.

Sun. Dec. 30, 1928 After supper, Stanton Collemer, Aunt Lizzie, Sister, and I went down to the Farm and saw Aunt Rose Christmas presents one of them was an electric corn popper and she christened it while we were there. Good!

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Thur. January 3, 1929

Tis colder and when the days begin to lengthen
Then the cold begins to strengthen.

Fri. January 4, 1929 After supper wrote diary, then Daddy put up an indoor aerial as the outdoor affair blew down in a heavy wind 2 or 3 weeks ago.

Sat. January 5, 1929 After supper Daddy took us to Camden where we did some shopping and called on Mrs. Edith Trim on Washington St.

Sun January 6, 1929 This afternoon I got the papers and then put some stamps on my new album,

Tue. Jan. 8, 1929 This afternoon we started a juvenile court: tried Albert Collemer for hurting Douglas Frohock, he was found guilty.

Note that David grew up to be a lawyer and later a judge. This was probably his first trial.

Fri. Jan. 11, 1929 We have both broken out with "Chicken Pox" and felt bum all day.

Mon. Jan. 14, 1929 We are feeling more scrumptious. Finished putting stamps in my album and I have 161 stamps from 35 countries.

Tue. Jan. 15, 1929 Awful cold. Did chores. Fooled around all day trying to keep warm. Played "Robinson Crusoe" with Sister this afternoon. After supper went to bed. It is coldest night yet tonight!

Wed. Jan. 16, 1929 We are much better now. Played "Ski-Hi" this afternoon.

Fri. Jan. 18, 1929 After dinner Sister and I played "Tiddly Winks Target". After supper played awhile then went to bed early. I have quite a cold but my "chickens" don't bother me much now.

Thur. January 24, 1929 Was outdoors today just for a run, first time since I had the "chickens" and such bad cold.

Fri. January 25, 1929 After dinner Sister and I were out doors nearly an hour then to bring in water as something is the matter with the pump in the sink.

Sun. Jan. 27, 1929 Went to S.S. twelve present. Went over Mr. Dearborne's store after the Sunday papers. The Post has gone up to ten cents.

Monday Jan. 28, 1929 Mrs. Eliza Hahn made us a short call. Mrs. Ida French called on Aunt Lizzie. After supper Mrs. Eunice French came to see Daddy and made us quite a call; she is going to Rockland Wed. morning with Daddy to see Mrs. Doris Drinkwater.

The weather had probably warmed up enough for folks to do some visiting.

Wed. Jan. 30, 1929 After dinner Sister and I went out on the hill back of the schoolhouse on our skies. It was the first time Sister had had her skis on. Had a great time!

Mon. Feb. 4, 1929 "Lindy's Birthday" After dinner had good time on skis back of schoolhouse with Frankie Perry. After supper Uncle Joe and "Buster", their new dog, made us a call.

Thur. Feb. 7, 1929 Elizabeth Knight came over this afternoon. Aunt Lizzie showed her how to do a crocheted edge, then she played games with Sister and I.

Mon. February 11, 1929 Thomas Alvah Edison's 82nd birthday. Took Aunt Lizzie and Sister to Camden shopping with me part of the time and Robie Ames and Frankie Perry just a little while.

Tues. Feb. 19, 1929 We had some new batteries put in our telephone today. There have been three families taken off our 157 line lately, They are Wm. J. Munroe, Marion Drinkwater and Jeness Keller.

What were the batteries for? We wonder how many people were originally on the 157 party line.

Thur. Feb. 28, 1929 After dinner I went up to Tommy Flagg's and played with him, we went to sleigh ride with one of the mules to give him exercise.

Sat. March 2, 1929 Daddy took Aunt Lizzie, Sister and I to "Town" tonight where we shopped and went to the pictures.

Mon. March 11, 1929 At Town Meeting today officers elected were as follows:

First Selectman: Joseph Mullen, Second Selectman: E. A. Collemer

Third Selectman: Lucius Russ, Town Clerk and Treasurer: Horace Miller

School Com.: Mrs. Donald Heal Tax Collector: Fred Hardy

Tue. March 12, 1929 The kitchen stove has been smoking badly lately so today Daddy and "Gib" cleaned out the chimney now it draws great.

Gib is the part time helper in the garage.

Wed. March 13, 1929 Daddy took me with him this forenoon when he went to Cobb-Town.

Sat. March 16, 1929 This afternoon was Mrs. Perry's funeral and Daddy went with his car – after the funeral I staid in Garage with Daddy while "Gib" took Aunt Lizzie and Sister to Camden shopping.

Wed. March 20, 1929 The calendar says today is the first day of Spring and I guess it is alright for Aunt Lizzie and Sister saw some robins out in the marsh. This morning there was clear water showing in the creek where the ice is going out and the State highway men started to scrape the road here today. *Were they trying to level out the winter ruts?*

Thur. March 21, 1929 After dinner Sister, Lula Jones and I played on the sidewalk.

Sat. March 23, 1929 Drizzly – The cars are getting stuck everywheres now. – Luie Drinkwater, our mail man, didn't get up here from Camden this morning till 10:30 and he is due at 8 o'clock.

Sun. March 24, 1929 Rain. The paper truck got stuck in mud on Rennington's Hill and didn't get to Belfast till past 7 o'clock.

Where is that hill?

Mon. March 25, 1929 First day of school, 31 scholars and we have Mrs. Mahoney back as teacher -- Good!

Fri March 29, 1929 Went to school, had an Election of Officers in the League as follows: President: Osborne H. Wade, Vice President: William R. Munroe, Secretary: Ruth F. Nichols, Treasurer: Mrs. Grace Mahoney.

Sat. March 30, 1929 Arthur Oxton took Aunt Lizzie to Rockland this morning to Aunt Rose at the Knox Hospital, I staid in Garage with Daddy and Sister went up to see Edna Collemer. After dinner was on sidewalk with "The Boys".

Mon. April 1, 1929 Aunt Rose was operated on today in the Knox County General hospital in Rockland.

We wonder what kind of surgery this was.

Wed. April 3, 1929 Arthur Oxton had Daddy's car and took Aunt Lizzie to the dentist in Camden where she had four teeth pulled then they went to Rockland to see Aunt Rose.

Sat. April 6, 1929 Today's is Sister's birthday and she got lots of nice presents, and Grandma sent me a nice new pair of mittens, a name stamp that Grandpa's, and two Alger books: "The Young Salesman" and "Driven From Home".

It's interesting that David got presents on his sister's birthday.

Was it so he would not feel left out ? He didn't mention this happening in previous years.

Sun. April 7, 1929 Spent afternoon writing letters to Grandma, Aunt Alice, and Aunt Rose.
These were probably his thank you notes for the presents.

Wed. April 10, 1929 Didn't have any light tonight till 6:30. Summer's coming!
We assume that means they did not light any lights inside the apartment.

Thur. April 11, 1929 Tonight after school Frankie Perry let me ride his bicycle a little way by myself, first time I ever rode alone on one.

Sun. April 14, 1929 Uncle Walter and family were here for dinner today, and they were going down to the hospital to see Aunt Rose.

Mon, April 15, 1929 This morning Daddy took the Buick with lots of sofa pillows and went to Rockland and brought Aunt Rose home from the hospital. Aunt Lizzie went down with him, also Uncle Joe.

This would be two weeks after the surgery and she must have needed to have a gentle trip.

Wed. April 17, 1929 Was in the Garage this evening, Daddy has brought home a cash register from Rockland for the Garage.

Sun. April 21, 1929 Went to S.S. there was quite a few visitors at S.S. today and we had special program, then Mrs. Ethel Frohock (for the S.S.) presented Mrs. Mahoney a nice Bible. Started a new paper route today -- "The Portland Sunday Telegram".

This was David's first paying job.

Mon. April 29, 1929 After supper Uncle Joe made us a call, and brought up some more eggs for Aunt Lizzie to preserve. She laid down 35 doz. eggs today in water glass.
Leslie said that water glass was a certain chemical you could get at paint shops and it would preserve the uncooked eggs, shell and all.



DAVID, JOE, ROSE, AND A BOY THAT MAY HAVE BEEN LESLIE BY A 1928 CHEVROLET

Sun. May 5, 1929 Aunt Mina Marcia is in the Hospital in Bangor with a broken hip.

Tue. May 7, 1929 Stayed home with a cold this forenoon but about noontime it stopped raining so, after dinner I went to school.

Sat. May 11, 1929 Aunt Lizzie took vegetables from the cupboard out into the entry today.
We are curious about what this means.

Sun. May 12, 1929 Mother's Day Sold papers, I had twenty again today. Went to Sunday School had a nice program for Mother's Day and there were several visitors.

Tue. May 14, 1929 Uncle Guy went fishing this morning up the stream and caught a nice mess of brook trout (pink) which we had for supper.

Wed. May 14, 1929 After school Sister and I went fishing over in the dock with Uncle Guy and caught flounders.

Thur. May 16, 1929 Showers. Did chores. Went to school. At noon the sun shone but about the time school was out we had a thunder shower, Aunt Lizzie brought our rubbers up to school to us. We rehearsed after school for an entertainment we are going to give just after school is done.

Fri. May 24, 1929 Frankie Perry took his High School Entrance Examination today; this is his 12th birthday.

Mon. May 27, 1929 After supper Aunt Lizzie, Sister and I dug some greens over back of Stoddard's barn.

Tue. May 28, 1929 We had ice for first time this season.

Sat. June 22, 1929 Practiced on typewriter. Was in Garage a lot today got a couple of tips.

Sun. June 30, 1929 Aunt Winnie's two Sisters were there and three of her little nieces also.

Fourth of July, 1929 Wrote diary about 7:50, then watched from the front window, the fireworks over to Ernest Carver's house until 8.30.

Sun. July 7, 1929 There was no Sunday School today. After dinner Aunt Rose and Uncle Joe came up and Aunt Lizzie, Sister and I rode up to church with them and it was the first service held up here this year. Rev. Mr. Holman was the preacher. After the service we rode up to cemetery then when we came back we had callers. Mr. And Mrs. Gersham Rollins of Rockland, Mr. And Mrs. Fred Condon and their daughters Mary and Bertha of Thomaston, Miss Jessie Drinkwater and her sister, Mrs. Alice Hunt of Sears mont.

Wed. July 10, 1929 Daddy bought me a bicycle today. It is Motor-Bike-Supreme.

Sat. July 13, 1929 This morning I rode down to the Farm, when Lloyd Pitcher took Aunt Lizzie and Sister to Camden to do their shopping. Then came back on my "Bike", that I left there last night. I did the 1 1/2 miles in 8 minutes! *Note that it was mostly downhill.* Helped Daddy in Garage. Also rode bicycle a lot way into the evening.

Wed. July 17, 1929 Pleasant. Did chores. Was in Garage most all day and longer into the evening than usual as Aunt Lizzie was preserving peaches and the kitchen was hot. She had 12 quart jars to put away.

Thur. July 18, 1929 Went down to Mrs. Prays and got some rhubarb to make pies. Frankie Perry was down this afternoon and we rode our "bikes" around together.

Sat. July 20, 1929 Was in Garage all forenoon when I was not on my wheel. Bobbie Berry had been here some today also. Lloyd Pitcher took Aunt Lizzie and Sister to Camden shopping this morning and Aunt Lizzie got me some new khaki clothes (my first long) and this afternoon I took my bath and dressed up in the new things, then I did practicing on typewriter. After supper Aunt Lizzie, Sister and I called on Mrs. Manning and Miss Oram. A beautiful moonlight evening.

Note that David was almost 12 years old when he got his first pair of long pants.

Sun. July 21, 1929 Just before noon Aunt Rose came up and Uncle Joe, and Aunt Lizzie, Sister and I went with them to Duck Trap and picnicked with Mr. & Mrs. W.D. Heald and family, Mr. & Mrs. Gershum Rollins, Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Dow. Came home just before five – Had a good time.



A GROUP AT DUCKTRAP Including Aunt Mae Haskell, Golden, Dorothy, Madeline, Albert, and Esther Munroe, Mrs. Alice Patterson, Douglas and Catherine Heald, David and Ruth Nichols, Rose LeBlanc and Lizzie Pillsbury.

Sun. July 28, 1929 After dinner went to church. – Rev. Mr. Hayden the Episcopal minister of Camden was the Speaker.

Mon. July 29, 1929 Today went to Spark's Circus in Rockland with Aunt Rose and Uncle Joe. Had a great time. We left here about 8:30 and I didn't get home till about seven.

Wed. July 31, 1929 After dinner A. Rose and Uncle Joe came up and Aunt Lizzie and I went blueberrying with them up near Pitcher's Pond, but we did not find the berries.

Friday August 2, 1929 Later Daddy took Aunt Lizzie and I, also Stanton Collemer and Tommie Flagg to Camden where we saw the thousands of red, blue, and green electric lights strung around the harbor for the coming regatta.

Tues Aug.6, 1929 It is my 12th birthday today and I got some nice presents. Mrs. Wilder Irish made us a call in the afternoon. Aunt Rose came up in the afternoon and Uncle Joe came in time for supper and then spent the evening with us. Had a good birthday --- 1 shoes, 2 & 3 stockings, 4 necktie, 5 fob, 6 calendar, 7 \$1, 8 pencil, 9 shoestrings, 10 trouser guards

Trouser guards may have been the things that kept your pants from getting caught in bicycle chains.

Thur. August 8, 1929 Went down to the Farm on my "wheel" today and made a call this morning, got home just in time for dinner. Daddy bought a new Philco electric radio today.

Fri. August 9, 1929 This evening Daddy took Aunt Lizzie and I to Camden where we saw the fireworks and the largest crowd I ever saw in Camden. We watched it from Dick Hammond's house on Limerock St. Very pretty!

The fireworks may have been for the regatta.

Sat. August 10, 1929 After dinner Lloyd took Aunt Lizzie, Frankie Perry and I down to Camden to do the usual shopping, then we went down Sea St. and watched some of the races of the Regetta.

Monday August 12, 1929 I broke the chain on my bicycle tonight so that I can't ride it. Tommy Flagg is off on a visit so I am doing some of his chores for Mrs. Manning and the mail for Miss Rose.

Sun. August 18, 1929 This afternoon Aunt Lizzie and I went to Church and heard the Rev. Mr. Hayden.

Mon. August 19, 1929 Spent day on Farm with Aunt Rose and "Buster" (the dog). Picked some blueberrys in the morning to take home. After dinner Frankie Perry came down and we sailed boats in Uncle Joe's "Pond". After supper wrote diary and tried listening to Radio but it was too noisy.

Tue. August 20, 1929 This morning I rode my bicycle, went up to Frankie Perry's, then up by the cemetery, by Fred Frohock's and home by the "Four corners". After dinner played with Tom Flagg at his house while Aunt Lizzie went to Camden with Uncle Joe and Aunt Rose to a funeral (Mrs. Nettie Knolton).

Thur. Aug. 22, 1929 Stanton Collemer is helping Daddy in the Garage the last few weeks and he has his dinners with us. Today is Uncle Joe's birthday and he and Aunt Rose came up to supper. This evening Miss Nina Mathews called on us and listened to the new Radio.

Sun. August 25, 1929 Delivered my papers - my present route is from the Munroe sawmill to the Northport Line. And then up the backroad to the Henderson cottage. Mrs. Genie Wardwell called on us early this afternoon and after she left we went to church, the Rev. Mr. Smith of the M. E. Church in Camden preached.

Mon. Aug. 26, 1929 Practiced typewriting then went down to Mrs. Lettie Laws and got some apples for Aunt Lizzie to cook. Sister had to begin school again today. She has a new teacher, Mrs. Hazel Brown.

This is when the Beach School session started.

Fri. August 30th 1929 Just after nine this morning went to a Waldo Co. Farm Bureau Field Day at City Park Belfast, with Aunt Rose and Uncle Joe Had-Good-Time! Had new unbreakable chrystal put in my watch while we were Belfast.

Mon. Sept. 2, 1929 This afternoon Daddy took us all up on Knox Ridge to Uncle Harold Hurd's Farm, to the Marcia Family Reunion. Had a good time and saw lots of relatives.

Thur. Sept 5, 1929 Visited school today here at the Beach.

Do you wonder why he visited and did not attend? See the next entry.

Mon. Sept. 9, 1929 Commenced high school today in a class of 55 in Camden High School. They have only one session there so school closes at 1:10 P.M. but today being the first day, we just got our books and assignments and I was home at noon. I am going back and forth with Raymond Oxton, he has a Chevrolet touring car and will take a Stella Burgess, Annie Munroe, Elizabeth Knight, Aunt Rose and D.A.N. Aunt Rose goes down with us mornings but does not come back with us as she has to stay longer than we do.

Tues. Sept. 10, 1929 Attended C.H.S.; I have Latin and Ancient History to Miss Bertha Clason, Algebra to Mr. F.F. Richards, English to Miss Southard, and Manual Arts to Mr. Frye. Mr. Carleton Wood is our Principal and Mr. C.E. Lord is our Supt.

He had visited the Nichols back in 1926.

Fri. Sept. 13, 1929 School begins at 8 o'clock and Raymond comes for us about 7:15 so I have to have breakfast in pretty good season, so Aunt Lizzie puts me up a lunch to eat at recess, then I get home at 2 o'clock.

Wed. Sept. 25, 1929 Attended C.H.S., there was a Freshman picnic this afternoon back of the school house, which I attended, had a good time. Aunt Rose brought us Beach "freshies" home in her Ford about five o'clock.

Wed. Oct. 2, 1929 Lincolnville Agricultural Society Fair was to be today but as it rained it was postponed.

Fri. Oct. 4, 1929 After school was out Raymond Oxton took a load of us out to the Center to the Fair but I came home with Aunt Lizzie and Sister, Stanton Collimer and Lloyd Pitcher. It was almost all over before I got there. Sister got a blue ribbon on her writing and a red ribbon on a map she drew.

Wed. Oct. 16, 1929 I am taking drawing in school and Mrs. Aldin Hopkins is the teacher. Kept shop this afternoon while Daddy was gone and I did my studying while I was down in the Garage.

Wed. Oct. 23, 1929 Attended C.H.S. we got out at 11:50 because of State Teachers' Convention which meets in Portland tomorrow and next day and most all the Camden teachers are going so no more school this week.

Thur. Oct. 24, 1929 Daddy got home late last night and brought me a "French Horn" for my bicycle.

Sat. Oct. 26, 1929 Went down to Mrs. Pray's on an errand this morning (picking apples) after that was done; rode up to Frankie Perry's on wheel and after dinner down to Wm. Munroe's on my wheel just for the ride. Was in garage first of evening, then wrote diary, read, took bath and "retired".

Thur. Oct. 31, 1929 This evening Daddy took me to Camden and I went to a Halloween party at Dwight Lord's (he is one of the Supt's sons and they lived away up on Chestnut St – There were a few more than twenty present. Had a great time!

Wed. Nov. 6, 1929 Did chores, then rode bike down to Mrs. Frank Duncan's and got a few acorns; after I got those I went up to see Tommy Flagg's for a while they are moving a building up there.

Fri. Nov. 8, 1929 Went fishing this afternoon over by the Community Hall and got one fish (smelt).

Sun. Nov. 10, 1929 Daddy has gone tonight to Bath where he will stay all night and in the morning Uncle Guy will go with him to Scarboro to Aunt Alice's funeral.

Mon. Nov. 11, 1929 Today is Armistice Day, Lincolnville had 36 men in the Service and only two gold stars.

Tue. Nov. 12, 1929 Daddy left for Portland tonight to have some work done on his teeth.

Thur. Nov. 14, 1929 We got our ranks today, I received an A in Algebra, B+ in Latin, B+ in English B- in History, P on Manual Training, Daddy got home from Portland tonight. He has all his upper teeth extracted.

Sun Nov. 17, 1929 Just after dinner Aunt Lizzie took my picture wearing my new suit of clothes; also one with my bicycle; also with sister.



This afternoon Aunt Lizzie, Sister, and I walked down to Aunt Rose's and made a call, then walked home again. While down there I got some red berries for Aunt Lizzie's window-box.

Mon. Nov. 18, 1929 Snow! And a slight earthquake about 3:30.

Thur. Nov. 21, 1929 Attended C.H.S. sat down to a charter meeting of the Debating Society and came home with Aunt Rose in time for supper. Wrote diary and studied this evening. Listened on radio to Com. McMillan telling of Dr. Grenfell and his work in Labrador.

MacMillan once visited at Seven Hundred Acre Island by Isleboro. This may have been around that time.

Sat. Nov. 23, 1929 Rode down as far as Wm. Munroe's on my wheel. Some children were skating down there - first time this year I guess. Am making some post card blotters for Christmas presents.

Tue. Nov. 26, 1929 Daddy took Aunt Lizzie, Sister and I to Camden where we went to the talkies. It was "Why bring that up".

Thanksgiving Thur. Nov. 28, 1929 Snowstorm. Did chores. Had to be in Garage most all day because Daddy is sick. Aunt Rose and Uncle Joe was here to dinner. We had roast chicken and fixings. After supper I did my diary. Daddy & I played dominoes this evening.

It seems that the garage did not close for Thanksgiving.

Sat. Nov. 30, 1929 This afternoon I went to Rockland with Daddy and Lloyd and Daddy bought me some new rubbers with the leggins that go with them also a new pair of overshoes.

Thur. Dec. 5, 1929 Went sliding with Elizabeth Knight and the whole bunch after school was out. Daddy went to Portland today. Lloyd Pitcher went with him, also Mr. Orin Ames and Gus Meheut. They got back just in time for supper and Daddy bought me a coping saw and I used it some this evening.

Sat. Dec. 7, 1929 Helped Daddy today too, he is setting up a furnace in the Garage.
We assume this means a device for heating the space so it can be used over the winter.

Sun. Dec. 8, 1929 Snowstorm. Daddy took me over my paper route in the Dodge, except for College Ave. (where I took my sled).

Where is College Ave ?

Fri. Dec. 13, 1929 Went to C.H.S. had rally for Castine Basket Ball games at close of school.

Fri. Dec. the 20th Hasn't cleared off yet. When we got down to the schoolhouse we found that there would be NO school on account of the weather, so we were back home again by nine o'clock. No more school till Jan. 6.

Imagine going all that way just to turn around and come back !

Sun. Dec. 22, 1929 Fair. Delivered papers, it was such bad traveling I couldn't use my bicycle, so had to go on foot with my paper on my sled so I was pretty late in getting them out but I got one Christmas present on my route. About Noon I went to Dearborn store and got Daddy's Boston papers also got Mr. Ernest Carver's and took them over to him as he is sick (lumbago).

Mon. Dec. the 23rd Daddy and I got a Christmas tree from the farm today and it is all set up. Spent first of the evening in Garage, then helped decorate the tree.

Merry Xmas '29 Fair. Spent most of day with tree, of course. Aunt Rose and Uncle Joe spent day with us. We had a turkey dinner with all the fixings. After dinner Sister and I went out sliding for a while. Frankie Perry came and brought me a gift and Tommy Flagg has been in to see my things. Gladys Thompson and Elizabeth Knight were in to see Sister's things. Was at Garage tonight for a time then wrote diary and read one of my new books. Got many presents.

Book - Cousin Alice, Notebook - Aunt Lizzie, Stationary, 2 Blouses, Pocket Comb, 2 Neckties, Fishhooks, Pant Hanger, Book, Pens, Garters, Monument, Pocketbook, Dicebox, 2 Hkfs - Eva Ames, belt - Helen Ames, 2 knife - Blanche T., Necktie - Gus & Alta, Necktie - me, Towel - "Sis", Pocketbook - "10 games - U. Gladstone, Plane - Daddy, \$1 - Cousin Inez, \$2 - Portland P. Co., Book - Mrs. C., Book - Frankie

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Fri. Jan. 3, 1930 Helped Daddy set up an electric water heater system today with a faucet in the pantry and one "downstairs" in a little sink that he has put in just back of the furnace.

Sun. Jan. 5, 1930 Delivered papers, 20 of them again then helped Mrs. Orris Young haul some hay with her pony cart.

Sun. Jan. 12, 1930 Delivered papers with sled except to the trap where Daddy took me in the Dodge. Spent rest of day in house, Elizabeth Knight was over to get the Sunday School funds, this afternoon, she is the new Treasurer.

Sun. the Nineteenth of January 1930 One of our neighbors died last evening, Mrs. Eliza Hahn. We also heard today that one of our summer neighbors was dead, Miss Aldrich.

Wed. Jan. 22, 1930 Still snowing. Attended C.H.S. Began taking mid-year exams, history today. Daddy changes to Socony Gas today.

Thur, the 23rd of January 1930 Delivered my Sat. Eve. Posts, eight of them, then was in Garage rest of afternoon and most of evening. "Tis Daddy's birthday and Aunt Rose & Uncle Joe were up here to supper (oyster stew) and listened to the Radio awhile but went home early.

Sun. Jan 26, 1930 Cold! About zero all day. Delivered 20 papers. Daddy took me to the Trap and I did the rest on my sled. This afternoon was in the house, fixed up my accounts, then fixed up stamp book. I have 440 stamps in my collection.

Wed. 29th of January Fair. Attended C.H.S. got ranks, same as last quarter in all the regular studies of my course and I got one better in Manual Training, so I will be on the Honor List again.

Fri. Jan. 31, 1930 School here at the Beach closed this noon for the long spring vacation. It closed at noon because Mrs. Brown's funeral was this afternoon at the church. Went sliding with Sister and "Tom" Flagg this afternoon.

Wed. Feb 5, 1930 Blizzard yet the sun shone some. Attended C.H.S., we are writing for the Megunticook now (the school paper).

Fri. Feb. 7, 1930 This evening was in Garage with Daddy while Aunt Lizzie and Sister went to Camden with Aunt Rose and Uncle Joe to the Parent-Teachers Association at the High School-house.

Tue. Feb. 11, 1930 After supper Daddy took me down to the Basketball games between Camden and Rockland. Rockland won both boy's and girl's. They played in the Y.M.C.A. gymnasium in Camden. *Would this have been the same YMCA building that lasted into the 21st century?*

Fri. Feb. 21, 1930 Today was the last day of school for one week; we had to wait quite a while for Raymond after school so was quite late getting home.

We had to wait for quite a lot of years to hear these stories David. Thanks for writing them down.